

Welcome to Seel Park . . .

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Grantham Town who make their first visit to Seel park since way back in the 1984/85 season.

Since then the 'Gingerbreads' have spent much of their time in the southern half of the pyramid. The Lincolnshire side have had a pretty dreadful season though and are currently well adrift at the bottom of the table. In fact anything other than a win today will see our visitors mathematically relegated.

It is a game however that Mossley can ill afford to lose as our own position remains precarious despite a 2-0 win over Radcliffe Borough in our last home game. Two goals by loanee Clive Moyo-Modise made Radcliffe's position in the Premier Division more unstable. As Mossley, Radcliffe and Grantham—in that order, currently take up the bottom three places.

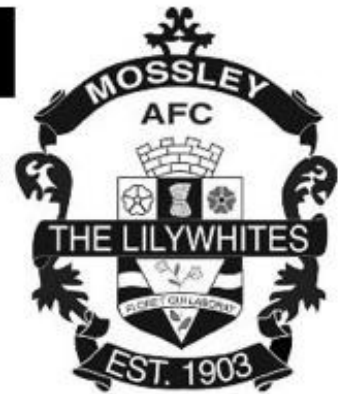
We then travelled to play-off chasing Guiseley, but after taking a first half lead through a fine Steve Brackenridge goal, his first for the club, Mossley were put to

the sword by a late flourish by the home side that saw them score three times in the last three minutes to win 5-1.

A win today for Mossley is absolutely vital if we are to improve on our currently somewhat slim chances of survival in the Premier.

The latest additions to the squad are midfielder James Brackenridge, younger brother of Steve who is a former Sheffield Wednesday junior and striker Carl Lomax who's previous clubs include Radcliffe Borough, Rossendale United and Ramsbottom United.

This coming Friday afternoon we begin our two match Easter programme with a home game against old rivals Fleetwood Town and then on Easter Monday travel to Kendal Town. Both games kick off at 3.00 pm.



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**TODAY'S MAN OF THE MATCH
IS KINDLY SPONSORED BY
Mr STEVE TAGUE**

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RESULTS

Tuesday, 20th March 2007

Burscough 1-0 Witton Albion

Grantham Town 0-6 Gateshead

Ilkeston Town 0-2 Ossett Town

Leek Town 1-2 Fleetwood Town

Mossley 2-0 Radcliffe Borough

UniBond League Cup Semi Final

MATLOCK TOWN 3-3 Woodley Sports

Matlock won 7-6 on penalties

Saturday, 24 March 2007

AFC Telford United 2-2 Fleetwood Town

Ashton United 0-3 Gateshead

Guiseley 5-1 Mossley

Ilkeston Town 3-0 Whitby Town

Kendal Town 2-0 Frickley Athletic

Marine 1-1 Hednesford Town

North Ferriby United 0-2 Burscough

Ossett Town 1-3 Lincoln United

Prescot Cables 2-2 Leek Town

Witton Albion 1-0 Matlock Town

Monday, 26 March 2007

Gateshead 4-3 AFC Telford United

Tuesday, 27 March 2007

Fleetwood Town 4-1 Grantham Town

Matlock Town 3-0 Frickley Athletic

Wednesday, 28th March 2007

Matlock Town 1-1 Fleetwood Town

FIXTURES

Saturday, 31st March 2007

Burscough v Ilkeston Town

Fleetwood Town v Ossett Town

Frickley Athletic v Ashton United

Hednesford Town v Gateshead

Leek Town v Marine

Lincoln United v Kendal Town

Matlock Town v Guiseley

Mossley v Grantham Town

North Ferriby United v Prescot Cables

Radcliffe Borough v Witton Albion

Whitby Town v AFC Telford United

Monday, 2nd April 2007

Ashton United v Marine

Tuesday, 3rd April 2007

Fleetwood Town v Witton Albion

Friday, 6th April 2007

Burscough v Prescot Cables

Frickley Athletic v Ossett Town

Gateshead v Lincoln United

Grantham Town v North Ferriby United

Ilkeston Town v AFC Telford United

Marine v Ashton United

Mossley v Fleetwood Town

Radcliffe Borough v Kendal Town

Whitby Town v Guiseley

Saturday, 7th April 2007

Hednesford Town v Witton Albion

Leek Town v Matlock Town

Monday, 9th April 2007

AFC Telford United v Marine

Ashton United v Leek Town

Fleetwood Town v Radcliffe Borough

Guiseley v Gateshead

Kendal Town v Mossley

Lincoln United v Frickley Athletic

Matlock Town v Ilkeston Town

North Ferriby United v Whitby Town

Ossett Town v Burscough

Prescot Cables v Hednesford Town

Witton Albion v Grantham Town

PROGRAMME EDITOR REQUIRED FOR 2007/08 SEASON

After an unbroken run of 11 years as programme editor I have decided to step down at the end of the season due to a lack of time to do the job to my own satisfaction.

If anyone would like to have a go at the job will they please pm me on the messageboard or email me at mossleyweb@hotmail.com as soon as possible. I will offer full training and support for my replacement.

I will still be supporting Mossley and Mossleyweb will be unaffected. The biggest problem I have had in recent times is meeting the printer's deadline for the programme. Somehow I've made it every time but I still don't know how!

Please note that the position is and always has been unpaid.

Recent signings

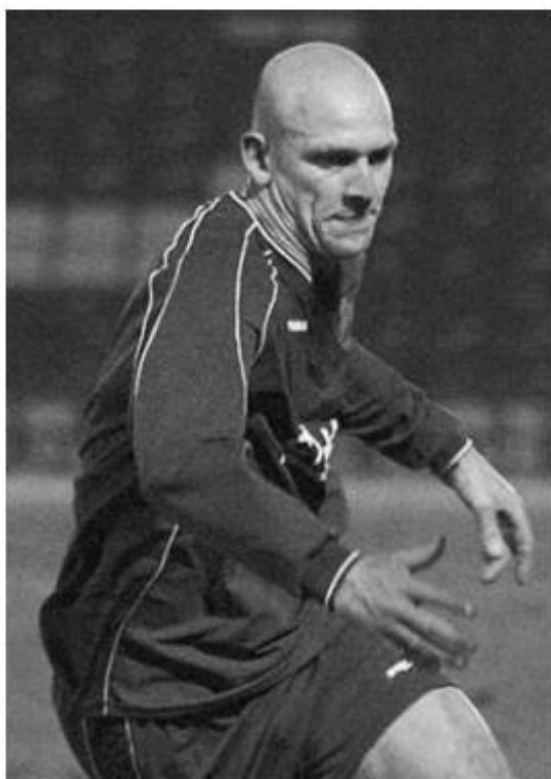
Mossley manager Jason Beckford has signed former Radcliffe Borough, Prestwich Heys, Colne, Rossendale United and Ramsbottom United striker Carl Lomax and midfielder James Brackenridge previously with Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield FC.

Lomax has been a prolific scorer with each of his former clubs and is a strong, mobile and skilful attacker.

James Brackenridge is the younger brother of current Mossley midfielder Steve Brackenridge and he made his debut as a substitute in the recent 2-0 win over Radcliffe Borough.

Also recently added to the squad is young left sided player Andy Hulme who is a former Tranmere Rovers trainee who has joined Mossley from Oldham Town. Like James Brackenridge he made his debut in the Radcliffe game.

Lomax meanwhile, missed his debut through injury but it is hoped that he will be fit to play today.



Carl Lomax



James Brackenridge

STAT ATTACK 2006-07

GAMES PLAYED	41	5 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	1	HOME RECORD:	
PLAYERS USED	44	5 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	1	P 21	W 7 D 2 L 12
GOALS SCORED	52	4 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	1		F 28 A 38
GOALS CONCEDED	76	4 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	4	AWAY RECORD:	
		3 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	2	P 20	W 4 D 3 L 13
BIGGEST HOME WIN		3 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	7		F 24 A 37
5-1 v Lincoln United		2 GOALS SCORED IN GAME	7	HIGHEST HOME ATTENDANCE	
BIGGEST AWAY WIN		2 GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME	15	461 v AFC Telford United	
4-0 v Frickley Athletic		1 GOAL SCORED IN GAME	19	HIGHEST AWAY ATTENDANCE	
HEAVIEST HOME DEFEAT		1 GOAL CONCEDED IN GAME	5	1838 v AFC Telford United	
0-4 v Gateshead		0 GOAL SCORED IN GAME	10	LOWEST HOME ATTENDANCE	
HEAVIEST AWAY DEFEAT		0 GOAL CONCEDED IN GAME	8	84 v Flixton	
1-5 v Guiseley				LOWEST AWAY ATTENDANCE	
		GAMES SINCE HOME WIN	0	142 v Fleetwood Town	
MOST SUCCESSIVE WINS	2	GAMES SINCE AWAY WIN	1		
MOST SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS	6	GAMES SINCE HOME DRAW	4	LEADING GOALSCORER	
LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN	4	GAMES SINCE AWAY DRAW	7	Peter Wright	9
LONGEST RUN WITHOUT A WIN	9	GAMES SINCE HOME DEFEAT	1	HAT-TRICKS	0
		GAMES SINCE AWAY DEFEAT	0	RED CARDS	4
				YELLOW CARDS	37

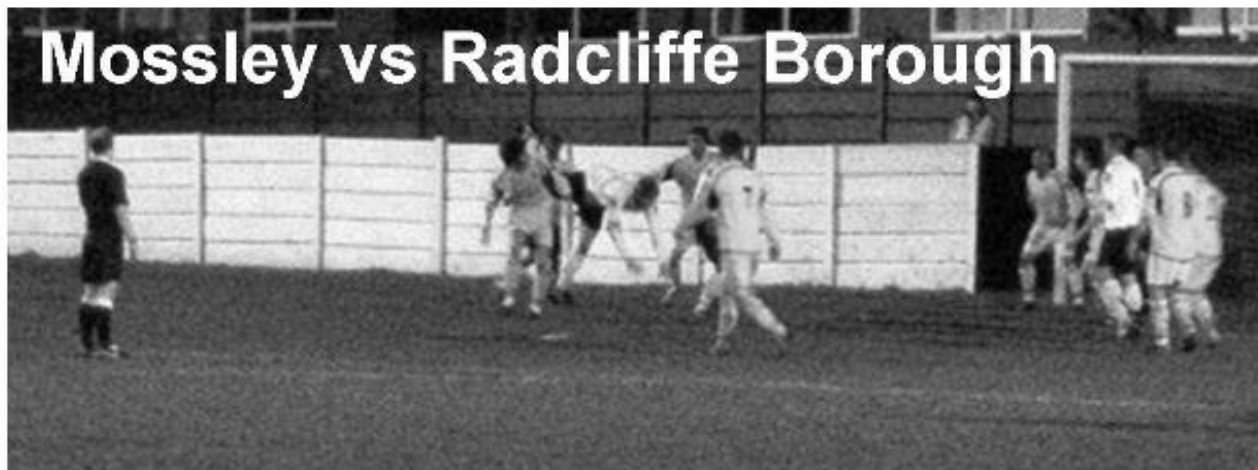
UNIBOND LEAGUE TV

Forthcoming Games

20th Mar	League Cup Semi Final Matlock Town v Woodley Sports
24th Mar	Woodley Sports v Bradford Park Avenue
31st Mar	Burscough v Ilkeston Town

All games plus highlights from other UniBond matches are available on UniBond TV viewed via the link on our website www.unibondleague.com

Mossley vs Radcliffe Borough



Pics courtesy <http://mossley80.blogspot.com/>

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 AFC Telford United	35	18	13	4	62	33	29	67
2 Burscough	35	19	9	7	68	33	35	66
3 Witton Albion	33	19	7	7	77	39	38	64
4 Hednesford Town	35	17	10	8	43	33	10	61
5 Matlock Town	33	17	8	8	55	32	23	59
6 Guiseley	35	17	8	10	59	40	19	59
7 Marine	35	17	7	11	53	44	9	58
8 Ossett Town	36	15	8	13	53	50	3	53
9 Whitby Town	34	16	5	13	53	59	-6	53
10 Gateshead	35	14	10	11	66	52	14	52
11 Fleetwood Town	33	14	10	9	60	48	12	52
12 Ilkeston Town	36	14	9	13	59	54	5	51
13 North Ferriby United	36	13	9	14	45	53	-8	48
14 Lincoln United	36	12	12	12	35	47	-12	48
15 Prescott Cables	35	11	12	12	46	48	-2	45
16 Frickley Athletic	36	11	8	17	44	61	-17	41
17 Ashton United	34	10	8	16	40	58	-18	38
18 Kendal Town	36	9	10	17	48	71	-23	37
19 Leek Town	36	9	8	19	38	55	-17	35
20 Mossley	35	8	5	22	42	67	-25	29
21 Radcliffe Borough	36	5	11	20	32	59	-27	26
22 Grantham Town	35	3	7	25	29	71	-42	16

LEADING GOALSCORERS 2006/07

		Lge	Cup	Total
Ciaran Kilheaney	Burscough (inc 9 for Ashton U)	21	6	27
Adam Warlow	Witton Albion	21	5	26
Danny Brunskill	Whitby Town	18	7	25
David Southern	Gateshead	19	4	23
Ian Holmes	Matlock Town	16	7	23
Gary Bradshaw	North Ferriby Utd	13	10	23
Peter Cumiskey	Marine	15	7	22
Adam Muller	Ilkeston Town	21	1	22
Rob Pell	Guiseley (inc. 10 for Frickley Athletic)	15	4	19
Steve Foster	AFC Telford United	15	2	17
Andy Hayward	Ossett Town	13	2	16



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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	82	Shaw
Jan 27	Leek Town	Home	ULPD	W 2-1	346	Wright, Eyres
Feb 3	Prescot Cables	Home	ULPD	D 0-0	203	-
Feb 17	North Ferriby United	Home	ULPD	L 1-2	209	Moyo-Modise
Mar 3	Marine	Home	ULPD	L 1-3	215	Shaw
Mar 6	Leek Town	Home	ULPD	W 1-0	175	Knight
Mar 10	Gateshead	Home	ULPD	L 0-4	240	-
Mar 20	Radcliffe Borough	Home	ULPD	W 2-0	151	Moyo-Modise-2
Mar 24	Guiseley	Away	ULPD	L 1-5	301	S.Brackenridge
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 24	Fleetwood Town	Away	ULPD			
Apr 28	Gateshead	Away	ULPD			

Mossley AFC 2006/07 Appearances & Goals	2006/07 Apps	2006/07 Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals	Previous club
James BRACKENRIDGE	0+2	0	2	0	Sheffield Wednesday
Steve BRACKENRIDGE	4+1	1	5	1	Hyde United
Steve BURKE	17+12 (1)	2	29	2	Bury
Paul CHALLINOR	0+1 (2)	0	56	5	Ashton United
Christian COOKE	21+8 (6)	0	52	0	Macclesfield Town
David EYRES	20	5	20	5	Hyde United
Gary FURNIVAL	25+3 (2)	1	28	1	Witton Albion
Andy HULME	0+2	0	2	0	Oldham Town
Melford KNIGHT	34+3	6	99	16	Woodley Sports
Carl LOMAX	0	0	0	0	Ramsbottom United
Clive MOYO-MODISE	6	3	6	3	Rochdale (loan)
Paul MURPHY	0	0	3	0	Bray Wanderers (N.Ire)
Joel PILKINGTON	29+3 (1)	0	71	2	Hyde United
Will RYDER	11 (1)	0	11	0	Ossett Town
Joe SHAW	27+5	5	74	10	Huddersfield Town
Steve SHEIL	19+4 (5)	1	174	19	Flixton
Jonathon SMITH	15	0	15	0	Barrow
Nicky THOMPSON	21+3 (4)	1	63	1	Bury
Danny TRUEMAN	31	0	31	0	Bradford Park Ave
Andy THACKERAY	14+3 (1)	1	74	4	Ashton United
James TURLEY	17+3	5	20	5	Stalybridge Celtic
Steve WILSON	9	0	9	0	Worksop Town
own goals		2			
Max poss appearances	41				
Total Goals		52			
also played					now with
Neil BRISCO	2	0	2	0	Leigh RMI
Martin ALLISON	5+3	1	26	2	Ossett Albion
Anthony BINGHAM	9+3	3	21	6	Buxton
Terry BOWKER	13	1	13	1	Buxton
Lee BRACEY	1	0	69	0	Ashton United
Rob DAWSON	3+3 (4)	0	6	0	?
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	New Mills
Conor LYNCH	0 (2)	0	0	0	?
Marvin McDONALD	4+2	0	6	0	Macclesfield Town *
Danny MEADOWCROFT	5	0	86	3	Morecambe *
Kenny MAYERS	6+2	0	8	0	Chorley
Adie ORR	1+3 (1)	0	4	0	unavailable
Fraser ROBINSON	5+3 (2)	0	8	0	Alsager Town
Lee SHILLITO	12+6	1	18	1	?
Alex TAYLOR	3	0	3	0	Barrow *
James TYRELL-NESTOR	0+4	0	4	0	Frickley Athletic
Chris WARD	10+2	3	12	3	Clitheroe
Danny WHITE	13	1	13	1	Buxton
Peter WRIGHT	20+5	9	25	9	Kendal Town

* returned after loan spells



Grantham Town

The club was founded in 1874. Early competition was in the Midland Amateur league which was won in 1910/11. Prior to the Second World War the club competed in the Central Alliance which was won in 1924/25 and the Midland Counties league where the club finished runners up to Shrewsbury Town in 1938. In the period after the war local legend Jack Macartenev became and still remains the clubs leading scorer by the time he retired in 1955 he had scored 416 goals for the club in just 456 appearances.

In 1964 under new manager Jim Rayner the club won the Midland League scoring a record 152 goals in the season.

Jim Rayners departure to Notts County in 1965 saw the arrival of Terry Bly as player manager and the next 14 years were to prove some of the most successful in the clubs history. The Midland League was won in 1971 and 1972 and regular cup runs brought large crowds to the London Road ground. Amongst the clubs played were Swindon (twice) Oldham (twice) Stockport, Rotherham, Bradford City Rochdale and Port Vale. Perhaps the most memorable was when Jack Charlton brought his Middlesborough team to London Road for a third round FA cup tie. A record crowd of 6578 saw Middlesborough win 2-0. The FA Trophy quarter final was reached in 1972. A move to the Southern League saw Division one North won in 1978 and the following year runners up in the Premier division. Following relegation in 1978 the club again won the Division one North title the next year. With the reorganisation of non league football the club were moved to the Northern Premier League. Fourth spot was achieved in 1983/84 but the following year after finishing 21st the club failed to gain re-election and returned to the Southern League Midland Division.

Financial problems meant that the club had little success until recent years. Under Martin O'Neil promotion was missed by one point in 1987/88 and under John Robertson two league cup quarter finals were reached.

In 1990/91 the club left its London Road home and after a spell ground sharing with Spalding United moved back to Grantham into the new South Kesteven Sports Stadium. Early years at the Stadium brought little success with the exception of a second round proper FA Trophy appearance in 1993/94.

In Feb 1996 John Barnwell the ex Arsenal and Nottingham Forest player and Wolves manager was appointed manager. In July John was appointed Chief Executive of the Professional Managers Association and had to stand down as manager. His successor was the ex Nottingham Forest, Derby, Leicester and Notts County player Gary Mills who along with his assistant Darren Gee lead the club to fourth place in the Midland Division in 1996/97. The following season the club lead the Midland Division table for most of the season finally winning the Championship on the last Saturday. They also reached the quarter final of the Umbro FA Trophy thanks to a superb 2-1 victory in the third round over Conference high fliers Hednesford Town before going out after a replay to another Conference side Southport. The 3695 gate at the first game at Grantham was the

best of the round and shattered the attendance record at the clubs South Kesteven Stadium.

1998/99 saw the club taken over by local businessman Mr Reg Brearley they became full time with a bold plan to gain promotion to the Conference.

One casualty of the change was manager Gary Mills along with assistant Darren Gee. Sadly things didnt work out well and the club struggled to finish in 17th spot. In addition the club sustained heavy financial losses which for a time threatened its future. Thankfully following a great deal of hard work from the clubs supporters & officials the club were able to commence another season in the Premier Division. The uncertainty about the clubs future had an effect on the pitch. By November the clubs future was again in the balance and it was saved by a considerable investment from Dr Gordon Hotson. With half the season gone the club had just 9 points but the appointment of John Wilkinson as manager brought about a remarkable revival and at the end of the season the club had 47 points but sadly were relegated on goal difference.

After finishing third the next season promotion back to the Premier division as Eastern Division runners up was gained in May 2002 along with the merit cup as the leagues leading scorers with 99 goals.

Shortly after the end of the next season John Wilkinson resigned as manager and he has subsequently returned to his former club Lincoln United taking with him several of the clubs players. The Board appointed former Rushden and Diamonds manager Roger Ashby who along with assistant Kevin Wilkin set about rebuilding the side. The club made an excellent start to the season losing just once in their first 11 league outings.

In the FA Cup the club reached the first round proper and were rewarded with a home tie against 3rd division Leyton Orient in front of the Match of the Day cameras. They put up a brave performance before losing 2-1 with the winning goal coming 4 minutes into time added and just 30 seconds from the full time whistle.

The club were rocked in late February when Roger Ashby and Kevin Wilkin left the club to take up similar roles at Nuneaton. The Board acted quickly to appoint Dave Norton as replacement manager. Unfortunately results slipped badly and the club finished the season in bottom position and so remained in the Southern League rather than gaining the hoped for spot in the new conference north league. Last season saw the club get off to a poor start and following the clubs early exit from the FA cup at the hands of NPL division 1 side Shephed Dynamo Dave Norton resigned.

A mid table finish was achieved last season but in the summer the club were transferred to the Northern Premier League after 21 years membership of the Southern League. A poor start and defeat at the hands of Oadby Town in the FA Cup saw Lee Glover replaced by former Frickley manager Gary Marrow. Unfortunately the club continued to struggle to come to terms with the move to the NPL and have occupied the relegation places all season which resulted in Gary Marrow being replaced as manager by former player Adrian Speed in February.

MEET THE GINGERBREADS

ADRIAN SPEED – Manager
Former player who holds the all time record appearance record at the club. Returned to the club in February after retiring from playing at Christmas for his third stint in the managers chair.

MARK HARBOTTLE – Assistant Manager
A member of the mid nineties Championship winning side, his former clubs include Notts County, Ilkeston and Tamworth. Returned in mid March as Assistant manager.

DANNY TOMLINSON – Goalkeeper
Young keeper who joined early season. Made a couple of appearances under Gary Marrow and was promoted to first choice when Marrow departed. Was at Nottingham forest as a youngster and has also played for UCL side Sleaford

TOM BELLINGHAM – Defender
Joined the club in the Summer and was an early season regular under Lee Glover. Has recently returned to first team action. Former clubs include Aldershot and Fulham

RUSSELL PEEL – Defender
Joined in February as speeds first signing from Shepshed. Was part of the Derby county Academy and has also played at Eastwood. Has had trials at both Notts county and Grimsby

TOM MANSHIP – Midfield
Joined the club from Hinckley United who retain his Conference registration. Formerly with Kidderminster. He also had a spell on loan at Rugby Town

MATTHEW WILSON – Defender
Signed in February from Diddington Town. Is the current

one to watch

Rhys POWELL

Midfield

Joined the club in January following a short spells at Hednesford and Hucknall

Was formerly a pro at Bolton. Has represented Wales at U17, U19 and U21 levels



captain of the Sheffield University side.

BRETT LOVELL – Defender
One of Gary Marrows first signings from Brodsworth MW. Joined as a striker but has successfully made the transition to defender. His loyalty to the club has been rewarded with the captains armband

TOM BYRNE – Midfield
One of Gary Marrows last signings. Formerly at Kidderminster Quorn and Holwell Sports.

JACK COTTON – Defender
Second year scholar at Lincoln City signed in March on work experience

NIGEL WALLACE - Midfield
Second year scholar at Lincoln City signed in March on work experience

DANNY BLAIR – Forward
Joined the club in March as part of the deal that took leading scorer Jon Douglas to Hednesford. Formerly at Nottingham Forest he was a prolific scorer for NE Counties side Carlton Town

MARK CROSSFIELD – Forward
Joined the club in October from Wakefield. Previously had a spell at Frickley Athletic.

ALEX RODMAN – Midfield
Joined the club last summer after a spell at Alfreton. Named as player of the round in the FA

cup with Leamington last season he is also an England Futsal international

LUKE DAWSON – Midfield
Joined the club from NE counties league side Parkgate. Previously at Ilkeston

SHAUN POPPLE – Midfield
Former Nottingham forest Academy player signed during 2004/05 season after a spell with UCL side Sleaford Town. Established himself as a first team regular under Lee Glover. But left the club in October his final appearance being as emergency goalkeeper in the home defeat by Ilkeston. Returned to the club following Adrain Speeds appointment as manager

DANNY CRAGGS – Forward
Still eligible for youth team football. His displays for the clubs U18's have earned him a place in the first team squad.

ANTHONY BEDWARD – Forward
Spent time at Notts County and Chesterfield as a youth. Joined the club in March from Shepshed Dynamo

EMMANUEL IBHADON – Forward
Signed in mid March. Spent time at Middlesborough as a youngster. His former clubs include Gateshead, Billingham Synthonia, Moor green,



Head to Head - Mossley vs Grantham Town

Northern Premier League

1979-80	W 3-0	Smith-2, L.Skeete	W 1-0	Grimshaw
1980-81	L 1-2	Garmory	W 4-2	Szabo-3, Keelan
1981-82	W 3-1	Page, Szabo, O'Connor	W 2-1	Derbyshire, O'Connor
1982-83	W 2-0	Roberts, Gill	D 2-2	Szabo, Gorman
1983-84	D 1-1	Page	L 1-2	Szabo
1984-85	D 2-2	Joe Connor-2	D 2-2	Szabo-2
2006-07	-		W 2-1	Allison, Thackeray

P - 13 W - 7 D - 4 L - 2 F - 26 A - 16



Tibor Szabo

... Scored an amazing 8 goals against Grantham between 1980 and 1985.



Andy Thackeray

... Scored a last minute winner at Grantham in August.

THE LAST TIME WE MET

Saturday 26th August 2006

Mossley take first points

Grantham Town 1 Mossley 2

Following a dreadful first half Mossley got their act together after the break to take their first points of the season thanks to a last gasp winner from Andy Thackeray.

Grantham opened with purpose but the game itself was error strewn throughout the opening half. Neither keeper had really been tested when Anthony Bingham chased down a long ball alongside Grantham right back Nathan Morris. Sadly as Morris returned to his feet he deliberately stamped on the Mossley striker and was shown an instant red card for his troubles.

Within a minute of the incident the now ten man home side took the lead. Pople's inch perfect through ball was turned home by Jason Turner who slid the ball just beyond the reach of Danny Trueman and into the far corner.

Mossley replaced the out of sorts Joel Pilkington and Kenny Mayers at half time with Martin Allison and Paul Garvey the replacements. Allison had an immediate effect as his promptings saw Mossley begin to dominate the game, a trend that continued throughout the second period.

The by now deserved equaliser finally arrived in the 64th minute. Both Bingham and Joe Shaw had efforts blocked by the keeper before the ball broke to Martin Allison on the edge of the area and drove into the far corner to level the scores.

Grantham showed no signs of wanting to win the game from thereon and it was just a question as to whether Mossley could break them down again. Allison was finding holes in the Grantham defence that Garvey and Bingham were exploiting but time was running out when Bingham held off challenges on the edge of the box and laid the ball off to Andy Thackeray who curled an inch perfect left footer into the far corner to give Mossley maximum points for the first time this season.

Mossley: Danny Trueman, Andy Thackeray, Rob Edwards, Joel Pilkington, Terry Bowker, Danny White, Joe Shaw, Melford Knight, Kenny Mayers, Anthony Bingham, Chris Evans. Subs: Steve Sheil (for Evans), Paul Garvey (for Mayers)

Grantham: Leigh Walker, Nathan Morris, Richard Weale, Jason Bonser, Steve Julian, Ian Robinson, Douglas Wade, Adam Sturgess, Shaun Pople, Michael Sneddon, Jason Turner. Subs: Tom Bellingham, Mark Wilson, Jon Douglas.



Robinson departs for oldest club

Two weeks after agreeing a deal to re-join Grantham Town, Ian Robinson has left the club. The midfielder informed both manager Adrian Speed and Chairman Roger Booth of his intentions after the Gingerbreads defeat at Leek Town.

"I am disappointed to lose an experienced player." Said Speed. "But with the wage budget being at tight as it is, this does give me a bit of room for manoeuvre to bring new players in.

Robinson joined the Gingerbreads towards the end of last season, making his debut at the end of February. In eight appearances he did enough to convince then manager Lee Glover to make him captain for the current season. When Gary Marrow took charge in October 2006, he took the captaincy away from Robinson and the two didn't see eye to eye. Marrow wanted Robinson to be released by the club, but at the time Robinson refused to accept the offers made to him.

The dismissal of Marrow and the appointment of Adrian Speed as caretaker led to Robinson returning to the line up and captaincy. "We came to an agreement with Ian for him not only to play, but to assist Adrian on the managerial side of the club" Said Chairman Mr Booth. Two games later Robinson has left to join Northern Counties East side Sheffield FC. His 39 appearances and five goals made him the longest serving active player on the clubs books. His

departure means that there is no-one currently in Speeds playing squad (apart from himself and he has no intention of playing again) who played for Grantham last season. "I am disappointed that Ian has chosen to leave." Said Mr Booth. "When he came back we expected he would help Adrian through the rest of the season. After everything that has happened in the last few weeks, I expected more from him."

Caretaker manager Speed understood the reasons behind Robinson's departure. "Sheffield made him a better offer than we can in

the present circumstances." He added "Everyone knows things are tight here. But with Robinson gone, a big slice of my budget is freed up for me to use. I will be looking to bring in some experience to go with the youth and enthusiasm we already have.

Douglas joins the Pitmen

Jon Douglas has left Grantham Town to join Unibond Premier Division rivals Hednesford Town. Douglas who made 34 appearances for the club scored nine goals

Speed appoints his assistant

Everyone who was at the Gateshead game will have noticed the return to The Meres of Mark Harbottle.

The former Gingerbreads player will be helping Adrian Speed out as Assistant Manager.

"Mark spoke to me first about a month ago." Said Speed. "As soon as I got the job he rang me to offer any help he could give."

Harbottle has been helping out his brother (also a Championship winner with the Gingerbreads) at Dunkirk this season. Dave Harbottle selected Mark 24 times this season, with a couple of goals coming for the midfielder.

"We got on well together in the Championship side and have kept in touch ever since." Speed explained what he hoped Harbottle could bring to Grantham. "He has got a lot of experience at this level of football. He also has a lot of knowledge of the Nottingham football area."

As a player, Harbottle made 64 appearances for the Gingerbreads, scoring 13 goals. 42 of those games were in the 1997/8 season. Speed also thinks the addition of Harbottle to the managerial team will help make the job easier.

"Apart from it being another set of eyes on what happens in the game and another voice in the dressing room, it will help me a lot. Having someone else within the club means I can get to see more games and look at more players."

With the deadline for signing new players looming, Speed knows he and Harbottle must act quickly if they are to get fresh faces into the squad.

"Mark has registered as a player, but we don't expect him to play unless it is an emergency." Speed said. "We might have a couple of new faces coming in before the deadline a week on Saturday."

since arriving in the summer.

Jon who arrived from Bedworth United in July 2006 made his Grantham debut in a 2-1 defeat against Gainsborough Trinity, he was sent-off in the 4-2 FA Cup exit, which saw Lee Glover sacked as manager. His first goal for the club came against Ashton United at home just seven days later. However, just eight goals followed from the former Rugby United/Town striker. On leaving the club, Douglas was the most experienced Grantham player in the squad,

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Still hope for survival

Mossley 2 Radcliffe Borough 0

Match report courtesy
www.mossleyweb.com

Team:

1. Danny Trueman
2. Christian Cooke
3. Joel Pilkington
4. Joe Shaw
5. Nicky Thompson
6. Jonathon Smith (c)
7. Steve Brackenridge
8. Melford Knight
9. Steve Burke
10. Clive Moyo-Modise
11. James Turley
12. Steve Sheil
(not used)
14. James Brackenridge
(for Cooke 72 mins)
15. Andy Hulme
(for Shaw 88 mins)

MOSSLEY breathed new life into their battle against relegation from the UniBond League premier division following last night's hard-earned 2-0 home victory against fellow strugglers Radcliffe Borough.

Suddenly the Lilywhites, who not long ago were cut well adrift, find themselves within five points of a position of safety and with renewed hope of staying up.

And last night's hero was Clive Moyo-Modise, the striker currently on loan

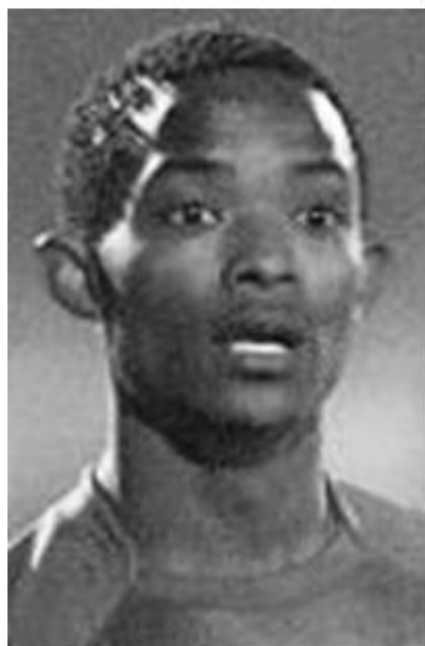
from Rochdale.

The 19-year-old, who has received a South Africa under-21 call-up, scored both goals which earned Jason Beckford's side three valuable points in the clash involving the second and third bottom teams.

Mossley, with a badly depleted line-up, put further daylight between themselves and the two teams beneath them in the table.

Mossley reserve keeper Danny Trueman and Borough's Tim Dittmer both made decent early saves before the Lilywhites took a 20th minute lead when James Turley's delightful flick over the Borough defence released Moyo-Modise who found the net with a sweetly-struck low volley.

The only surprise was that Mossley did not have a bigger advantage at the break as Moyo-Modise had five clear-cut chances in the opening half.



**Clive Moyo-Modise . . .
at the double**

Yet Borough could have finished on level terms as Ian Fitzpatrick's free kick from 25 yards crashed against the crossbar.

Mossley were under the cosh and Turley was forced to head off his own goalline shortly before the nervous home side sealed victory in the 70th minute.

Melford Knight and Steve Burke combined superbly to release Moyo-Modise who coolly lobbed the Borough keeper.

"A late, late thumping"

Guiseley 5 Mossley 1

Match report courtesy
www.guiseleyfc.co.uk

Team:

1. Danny Trueman
2. Christian Cooke
3. Nicky Thompson
4. Joel Pilkington
5. Gary Furnival
6. Jonathon Smith (c)
7. Steve Brackenridge
8. Melford Knight
9. Steve Burke
10. Clive Moyo-Modise
11. James Turley
12. Steve Sheil
(not used)
14. James Brackenridge
(for Furnival 45 mins)
15. Andy Hulme
(for Cooke 75 mins)

This game of play-off contenders versus relegation candidates was a classic match of two halves as Mossley defied their third from bottom placing to go in one goal to the good at the break, only for Guiseley to claw two goals back and then finish with aplomb with three goals in the last ten minutes.

Mark Bett threatened for the home side in the first minute but his low drive was just the wrong side of the upright and Mossley then had the better of the first period and opened the

scoring just after the half hour when Steven Brackenridge put in a dipping shot which Steve Dickinson got a hand to but couldn't keep out.

It took Guiseley just ten minutes of the second period to restore parity as Richard Dunning floated in a cross which Marc Smith got on the end of only for Danny Trueman to parry, and then see Craig Hall pounce to put the loose ball into the net. Trueman then did well to push away Dunnings low drive before Bett beat the keeper with a header which the covering Christian Cooke cleared.

Hall then turned provider for Mark Smith to head the youngsters cross beyond Trueman and put the home side in front. With fifteen minutes remaining Mossley were searching for an equaliser and keeper Trueman decided to add his presence to the Mossley contingent in the Guiseley penalty area. A decision which backfired



**Steve Brackenridge . . .
opened the scoring**

spectacularly as the ball was cleared to Gavin Knight, who held off two challenges to slip the ball to Hall who bagged his second of the game.

Hall was then tripped in the area and took the opportunity to complete his hat-trick from the spot. Knight then completed Mossley's misery in the very last minute as he capitalised on some hesitation on the visitors defence to slide in Guiseley's fifth.

MOSSLEY		GRANTHAM TOWN	
White & Black		Yellow	
1	Danny Trueman	1	Danny Tomlinson
2	Christian Cooke	2	Tom Bellingham
3	Joel Pilkington	3	Russell Peel
4	David Eyres	4	Tom Manship
5	Gary Furnival	5	Matthew Wilson
6	Jonathon Smith (c)	6	Brett Lovell (c)
7	Steve Brackenridge	7	Tom Byrne
8	Melford Knight	8	Rhys Powell
9	Carl Lomax	9	Danny Blair
10	Clive Moyo-Modise	10	Mark Crossfield
11	James Turley	11	Alex Rodman
12	Nicky Thompson	12	Shaun Popple
14	James Brackenridge	14	Anthony Bedward
15	Steve Burke	15	Emmanuel Ibhaddon
Manager: Jason Beckford		Adrian Speed	
Assistant: John Murphy		Mark Harbottle	
Referee:		Mr M. Hughes (Preston)	
Referee's Assistants:		Mr P. Morley (Fleetwood)	
		Mr A. Young (Blackpool)	

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