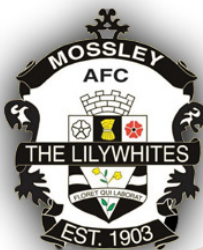


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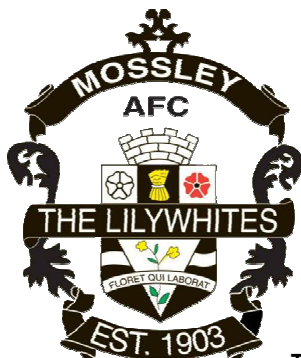
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Good evening and welcome to tonight's re-arranged Evo-stik League Division One North fixture as we entertain Farsley FC.

Farsley were amongst the pre season promotion favourites but they will have been largely disappointed with their season so far, having endured some patchy results and performances. Farsley currently sit in 11th position with 45 points from their 32 games.

In the reverse fixture at Throstle Nest at the beginning of September - Mossley gave one of their best performances of the season in winning 4-0. A repeat of anywhere near that result tonight would be an excellent achievement.

After our recent failings on the pitch it was a joy to see the lads bounce back with a fantastic comeback to beat play off rivals Trafford 3-2 at Seel Park on Saturday.

Trailing 0-2 at the break, Mossley gave a scintillating second half performance to recover the deficit with goals by Adam Mather and a brace by 'man of the match' Chris Denham who enjoyed his best performance in a Mossley shirt so far.

For tonight's game we will be without Chris Brown who is struggling for midweek availability at the moment due to work commitments. Danny Broadbent is also a doubt, having picked up an injury in the first half on Saturday.

On the plus side it was good to see last season's 'supporters player of the year' Lee Rick back in a Mossley shirt after he was re-signed after a spell with Droylsden. Lee's return is both timely and effective as he played a big part in Mossley's improved performance on Saturday.



The club really needs the people of the town to get behind the lads and cheer them to success. Attendances have gradually improved over the course and we truly wish that you supporters play your part by spreading the word and helping to get more people through the turnstiles.

Finances at the club are of course tight in the current climate and we have not been helped by our failure to win FA Cup or FA Trophy games for a second successive season where the sponsorship money can be so lucrative. So, it is of extra importance that more funds are raised to continue our progress both on and off the pitch.

It's not all doom and gloom though, as despite our recent poor League results we have managed to reach the final of the Manchester FA Premier Cup with recent victories over Ashton United and Maine Road and we now face Salford City in the final at Stockport County's Edgeley Park on Wednesday 27th March - kick off 7.45 pm.

We are running transport for the Final, leaving Seel Park at 6.15 pm. The fare is £8 and you can book in the Social Club or phone 01457 832299.

This coming Saturday we travel over the hill to Yorkshire to face Ossett Town (3.00 pm) and then a week tonight (19th March-7.45 pm) it's a trip east down the M62 to face Goole.

We return to Seel Park on Saturday 24th March with a home game against Harrogate Railway Athletic with a 3.00 pm kick off.

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Saturday 9th March 2013

First Division North

Bamber Bridge 2-0 Wakefield
Cammell Laird 1-0 Goole
Curzon Ashton 1-0 Ramsbottom United
Garforth Town 1-2 Harrogate Railway Athletic
Lancaster City 2-3 Ossett Town

Mossley 3-2 Trafford

New Mills 1-2 Burscough
Prescot Cables 0-2 Clitheroe
Radcliffe Borough 2-2 Farsley
Skelmersdale United 1-1 Warrington Town

Tuesday 12th March 2013

First Division North

Cammell Laird vs Radcliffe Borough

Mossley vs Farsley

Ossett Albion vs Skelmersdale United
Ossett Town vs Trafford
Salford City vs Bamber Bridge
Wakefield vs Harrogate Railway Athletic
Warrington Town vs New Mills

Doodson Sport Cup - Fourth Round

Nantwich Town vs Curzon Ashton

Saturday 16th March 2013

First Division North

Burscough vs Prescot Cables
Clitheroe vs Cammell Laird
Farsley vs New Mills
Garforth Town vs Skelmersdale United

Goole vs Radcliffe Borough
Harrogate Railway Athletic vs Curzon Ashton
Ossett Town vs **Mossley**
Ramsbottom United vs Ossett Albion
Trafford vs Bamber Bridge
Wakefield vs Lancaster City
Warrington Town vs Salford City

Monday 18th March 2013

First Division North

Curzon Ashton vs Salford City

Tuesday 19th March 2013

First Division North

Goole vs **Mossley**
Ossett Albion vs New Mills
Ramsbottom United vs Ossett Town
Skelmersdale United vs Bamber Bridge

Doodson Sport Cup - Quarter Final

Cammell Laird vs Northwich Victoria
Matlock Town vs Farsley

Saturday 23rd March 2013

First Division North

Bamber Bridge vs Garforth Town
Burscough vs Wakefield
Cammell Laird vs Ossett Albion
Mossley vs Harrogate Railway Athletic
New Mills vs Farsley
Prescot Cables vs Ossett Town
Radcliffe Borough vs Goole
Salford City vs Lancaster City
Skelmersdale United vs Ramsbottom United
Trafford vs Clitheroe



DIVISION ONE NORTH - SEASON 2012/13

Team	Pd	Home			Away			Overall							Home	Away
		W	D	L	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts		
1. Skelmersdale United	28	10	4	0	11	1	2	21	5	2	74	31	43	68	L 0-2	L 1-2
2. Ramsbottom United	30	8	3	4	10	2	3	18	5	7	71	32	39	59	-	W2-1
3. Clitheroe	33	9	4	4	8	4	4	17	8	8	55	50	5	59	L 2-3	L 0-1
4. Mossley	32	9	2	5	8	4	4	17	6	9	63	41	22	57	X	X
5. Curzon Ashton	32	9	3	3	8	2	7	17	5	10	74	53	21	56	L 1-2	L 0-3
6. Trafford	30	11	1	2	5	6	5	16	7	7	63	31	32	55	W3-2	L 0-2
7. New Mills	26	7	2	5	10	1	1	17	3	6	72	44	28	54	L 0-4	-
8. Cammell Laird	29	9	1	4	6	6	3	15	7	7	57	44	13	52	L 1-3	W2-1
9. Warrington Town	32	9	3	4	3	9	4	12	12	8	54	41	13	48	W1-0	D 0-0
10. Burscough	32	7	4	5	5	7	4	12	11	9	68	54	14	47	W2-1	-
11. Farsley	32	7	4	5	5	5	6	12	9	11	63	52	11	45	-	W4-0
12. Bamber Bridge	30	9	4	4	4	2	7	13	6	11	55	46	9	45	W1-0	D2-2
13. Lancaster City	33	6	7	5	6	0	9	12	7	14	56	58	-2	40 -3	W2-0	D0-0
14. Salford City	28	5	6	4	4	5	4	9	11	8	50	41	9	38	D2-2	W2-0
15. Harrogate RA	31	5	3	7	5	4	7	10	7	14	39	63	-24	37	-	-
16. Ossett Town	28	2	8	4	7	1	6	9	9	10	45	42	3	36	W 2-1	-
17. Radcliffe Borough	30	5	6	4	2	6	7	7	12	11	48	48	0	33	-	W2-1
18. Prescot Cables	31	2	4	9	4	4	8	6	8	17	33	53	-20	26	-	W2-1
19. Wakefield	32	3	2	11	3	4	9	6	6	20	33	88	-55	24	D2-2	W6-1
20. Goole	31	3	2	10	1	3	12	4	5	22	29	66	-37	17	W2-1	-
21. Ossett Albion	28	2	3	9	1	2	11	3	5	20	27	66	-39	14	W2-0	D3-3
22. Garforth Town	32	0	3	11	3	1	14	3	4	25	33	118	-85	13	W7-0	W6-0



FROM THE DUG OUT

I would like to welcome the directors, management, players and supporters of Farsley FC to Seel Park for tonight's match.

We will be hoping to build on our first win for weeks with the win against Trafford, and carry some momentum into this match.

On Saturday I was especially please with the lads 2nd half reaction. They didn't feel sorry for themselves and had a go, and hopefully that will be the catalyst to now kick on.

On the player front I have brought back Lee Rick to the club where he belongs, and with his quality he will add strength to our midfield.

I am hoping to bring in one or two players before the transfer deadline so we have quality in depth within the squad, and also cover for any injuries or suspensions in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the game and please get behind the team for the final push.

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Firstly, I would like to welcome the fans, players and staff of Farsley FC. I'm sure you're all as excited about this upcoming fixture as we are. Today's game is another that could have major implications on the top of the table come the end of the season.

After a tough start in the last the game against Trafford we stayed composed and came away with a massive win.

I firmly believe that the way we performed in the second half it would have made no difference whether they had 10 or 11 players on the pitch, with all 14 players contributing in some way or form.

It was a welcome boost to all associated with the club after a barren spell. You could see the confidence flooding back amongst everyone. The management have made a couple of additions recently so the competition for places will be fierce and I'm sure we have the players that it will bring the best out of.

Coming back to tonight's fixture, I fully expect another a big performance from everybody tonight and if we can start the game as we finished the last it will be difficult for Farsley to contain us. Hopefully we can match the performance and score-line of the reverse fixture earlier in the season.

I hope to see a big crowd and a game everybody enjoys.

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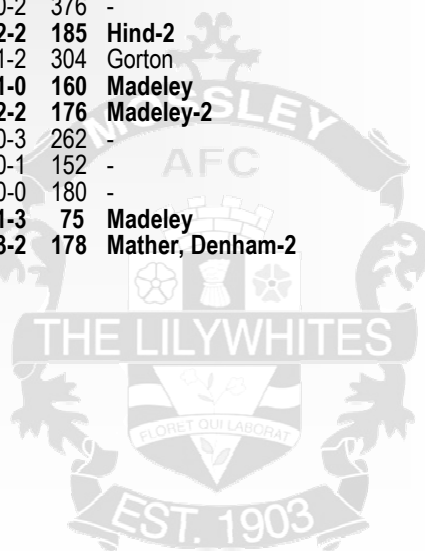
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Mossley AFC Fixtures & Results 2012/13

Date	Opponents	Venue	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
Aug 18	Bamber Bridge	Home	League	W 1-0	173	Coppin
Aug 21	Cammell Laird	Away	League	W 2-1	68	Rowney, Coo
Aug 25	Bootle	Home	FACup P	L 0-3	132	-
Sep 1	Farsley	Away	League	W 4-0	207	Mather, Rowney, Halford, Richardson
Sep 4	Clitheroe	Home	League	L 2-3	154	Hind-2
Sep 8	Goole	Home	League	W 2-1	190	Richardson, Madeley
Sep 15	Prescot Cables	Away	League	W 2-1	155	Coppin, D.Young
Sep 22	Radcliffe Borough	Away	League	W 2-1	155	Coppin-2
Sep 25	Ossett Albion	Away	League	D 3-3	77	Mather, Hind, Coppin
Sep 29	FC United of Manchester	Away	FATrphy 1Q	D 3-3	871	Coppin-2, A.Young
Oct 2	FC United of Manchester	Home	FATrphyR	L 1-3	405	Coppin
Oct 6	Warrington Town	Home	League	W 1-0	190	Madeley
Oct 9	FC United of Manchester	Home	MPC 1	W 3-2	258	Mather-2, Hind
Oct 13	Garforth Town	Away	League	W 6-0	120	Madeley-3, D.Young, Gorton, Gee
Oct 16	Skelmersdale United	Home	League	L 0-2	203	-
Oct 20	Salford City	Away	League	W 2-0	147	Coppin, Madeley
Oct 23	Wakefield	Away	League	W 6-1	74	Hind-2, Mather-2, Coppin, own goal
Oct 27	Lancaster City	Home	League	W 2-0	202	Coppin, Madeley
Nov 3	Burscough	Home	League	W 3-1	227	Madeley-2, Coppin
Nov 10	Ramsbottom United	Away	League	W 2-1	371	Madeley, Mather
Nov 17	Garforth Town	Home	League	W 7-0	201	Madeley, Coppin, Gorton, Williams, D.Young, Yearwood, A.Young
Nov 20	Curzon Ashton	Home	League	L 1-2	237	Mather
Nov 24	Warrington Town	Away	League	D 0-0	159	-
Nov 27	Warrington Town	Home	Doodson1	L 1-7	95	Richardson
Dec 15	Bamber Bridge	Away	League	D 2-2	165	Coppin-2
Dec 22	Ossett Town	Home	League	W 2-1	153	Loftus, Coppin
Jan 1	New Mills	Home	League	L 0-4	263	-
Jan 5	Ossett Albion	Home	League	W 2-0	166	Mather-2
Jan 9	Ashton United	Away	MPC 2	D 2-2	175	Gee, Mather (Mossley W 9-8 pens)
Jan 12	Trafford	Away	League	L 0-2	376	-
Feb 2	Salford City	Home	League	D 2-2	185	Hind-2
Feb 9	Skelmersdale United	Away	League	L 1-2	304	Gorton
Feb 12	Maine Road	Home	MPC SF	W 1-0	160	Madeley
Feb 16	Wakefield	Home	League	D 2-2	176	Madeley-2
Feb 18	Curzon Ashton	Away	League	L 0-3	262	-
Feb 26	Clitheroe	Away	League	L 0-1	152	-
Mar 2	Lancaster City	Away	League	D 0-0	180	-
Mar 5	Cammell Laird	Home	League	L 1-3	75	Madeley
Mar 9	Trafford	Home	League	W 3-2	178	Mather, Denham-2
Mar 12	Farsley	Home	League			
Mar 16	Ossett Town	Away	League			
Mar 19	Goole	Away	League			
Mar 23	Harrogate RA	Home	League			
Mar 27	Salford City @ Stockport	County	MPC Final			
Mar 30	Radcliffe Borough	Home	League			
Apr 1	New Mills	Away	League			
Apr 6	Prescot Cables	Home	League			
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Danny BROADBENT	4	0	1	0	4	0	Hyde FC
Chris BROWN	16	3	0	0	19	0	Droylsden
Cavell COO	32	4	2	1	107	4	Curzon Ashton
Kayde COPPIN	33	5	0	16	86	21	Flixton
Chris DENHAM	7	0	1	2	7	2	Ashton United
Gary GEE	26	10	1	2	36	2	Woodley Sports
Jason GORTON	30	4	1	3	34	3	Glossop North End
Steve HALFORD	16	7	2	1	53	3	Hyde FC
Mark HASLAM	16	9	8	0	35	2	Curzon Ashton
Sam HIND	15	13	3	8	28	8	Glossop North End
Ryan HOPPER	8	4	3	0	12	0	Accrington Stanley
Sam MADELEY	17	13	3	15	30	15	Hyde FC
Adam MATHER	32	1	0	12	33	12	Curzon Ashton
Lewis NIGHTINGALE	4	2	1	0	6	0	Goole AFC
Lee RICK	1	0	0	0	53	4	Droylsden
Russell SAUNDERS	9	0	0	0	9	0	New Mills
Rick SOPEL	0	1	1	0	1	0	Redlands Utd (Aus)
Ash YOUNG	27	1	1	2	28	2	Bunbury Force (Aus)
Dave YOUNG	32	1	2	3	45	3	Curzon Ashton
<u>Also played</u>							Current Club
Ben FALLOWS	5	0	7	0	15	0	-
Ashlea GOTHAM	1	0	0	0	1	0	Cheadle Town
Connor LOFTUS	3	0	0	1	3	1	Huddersfield Town (loaned)
Keil O'BRIEN	18	0	1	0	60	1	Chorley
Martin PEARSON	29	0	0	0	73	0	Congleton Town (loan)
Lewis PROUDFOOT	1	1	1	0	2	0	Ramsbottom United
Ben RICHARDSON	8	6	3	3	125	20	Curzon Ashton
Chris ROWNEY	25	2	0	2	72	9	Curzon Ashton
Gavin SALMON	3	4	4	0	23	1	Runcorn Linnets
Tyron SEALEY	0	1	0	0	1	0	Droylsden
Nathan TAYLOR	3	1	1	0	13	2	Salford City
Lutel WILLIAMS	1	0	0	0	1	0	-
Shaun WILLIAMS	3	4	2	1	7	1	Congleton Town
Brad YEARWOOD	3	8	5	1	11	1	Congleton Town
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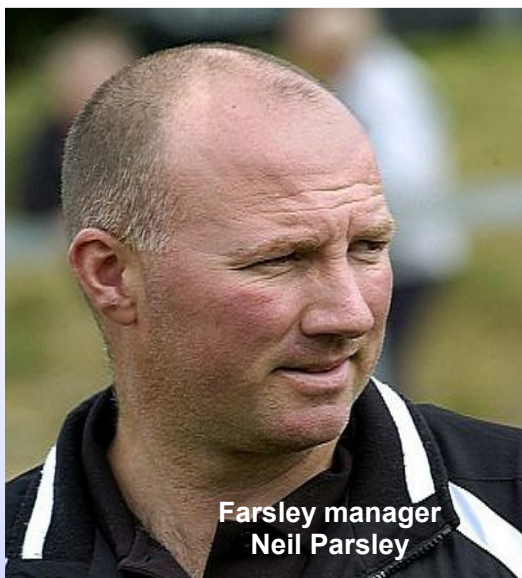
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**Farsley manager
Neil Parsley**

The village of Farsley is mentioned in the Domesday book and is sandwiched between Leeds and Bradford. During the Industrial Revolution it was a centre for wool processing and is the birthplace of the Revd Samuel Marsden.

Farsley Celtic, as the club once became known, was founded by a group of local men in 1908. Farsley initially competed in the Leeds Amateur League. After the Second World War ended the club purchased its current ground at Throstle Nest from the local council, where it played its first match in 1948 against West Yorkshire side Frickley Athletic.

The Villagers moved up a level for the 1949-50 season, into the Yorkshire League Division Two where they finished eighth during their first season and scored 100 goals in 34 games, however they also conceded heavily. By 1951-52 Farsley Celtic were Yorkshire League Division Two champions and were promoted to the Yorkshire League Division One. By the mid-1950s, Farsley Celtic as they were later to call themselves, had established themselves as a mid table team in the Yorkshire league. They had a notable run in the FA Cup during the 1954-55 season where they reached the Fourth Qualifying Round, going out to Wigan Athletic 3-1. After finishing runners-up twice in succes-

sion, Farsley were champions of the Yorkshire League in 1959-60. However the club were not promoted due to not meeting up to the required ground regulations. In 1968-69, and for the second time in its history, the Celts were crowned champions of the league but again were not promoted to a higher level. They came runners-up twice in the early 70s proving to be among the best in the league.

In the FA Cup, Farsley Celtic reached the First Round proper for the first time in 1974, playing Football League Division Three side Tranmere Rovers at Elland Road before a crowd of 11,000. The game ended 2-0 to Tranmere with Steve Coppel scoring the first of Tranmere's goals.

In 1982 the Yorkshire and Midland Leagues merged to form the Northern Counties East League. Farsley started in Division One North and for the first two seasons they finished third. In 1984-85 they won the Division One North championship and were promoted to the Northern Counties East Premier Division. It didn't take the club long to rise up the league and after only two seasons in the NCEL Premier Division, the Celts finished runners-up to Alfreton Town and were invited into the Northern Premier League as founder members of the Northern Premier League First Division. The first few seasons in the new surroundings often saw the club near the bottom end of the table. This pattern continued until the mid to late 1990s when they finished in the top six for three seasons in a row.

Farsley finished third in the 2003-04 season and earned promotion to the Northern Premier (Unibond) League Premier Division. In its first season the club finished third losing controversially a play off final with Workington on penalties. Farsley had, in fact, won the league after the expunging of the results of Spennymoor Town who had gone out of business during the season. Upon appeal by other clubs the FA overturned the league's decision and instead awarded three points to all teams with whom Spennymoor were unable to complete fixtures leaving Farsley in only a playoff place. The following season in May 2006 after a fourth place finish, promotion to the Conference North was secured after defeating North Ferriby United 2-1 after extra time in the play off final.



Farsley reached the First Round of the FA Cup for only the second time in its history during the 2006-07 season. After beating Cambridge City 2-1 in the Fourth Qualifying Round, the club was drawn against Milton Keynes Dons and held them to a 0-0 draw at Throstle Nest before losing 2-0 in the replay at the National Hockey Stadium. In the Conference North, the club also performed well and reached the play-off final after finishing fifth, sneaking into the final play off place in the last match of the season. A memorable match saw the club play Hinckley United at the Pirelli Stadium, the home of Burton Albion, winning 4-3 with a last minute penalty from Simeon Bambrook after twice coming from behind, securing their place in the highest echelons of non league soccer for the first time in their history during their centenary season.

Farsley performed admirably in its season in the Blue Square Premiership, with notable victories away at Torquay United and Histon. The then manager Lee Sinnott was appointed manager at Port Vale with his assistant John Deacey managing the club for the remainder of the season. Unfortunately he was unable to prevent the club from relegation although this was confirmed only in the last week of the season.



Financial difficulties culminated in Farsley Celtic being placed in Administration in June 2009. The Football Conference's decision to prohibit them from playing their fixtures as a result of a breach to the infamous Appendix E was quickly overturned, and the team began the season with a points deficit of -10. Manager Neil Parsley orchestrated an excellent start to the season, quickly cancelling the points deduction. A consortium led by club President John Palmer failed to purchase the club despite lengthy negotiations with Administrators Mazars who prematurely called time on the team's season resulting eventually in the failure of the first team to complete its season and have its results expunged.

Farsley AFC, reformed by Palmer's consortium were accepted by the Koolsport Northern Counties East League, Premier division in June 2010 thus allowing the continuation of 102 years of football to continue in the village. In the new club's inaugural season, the club secured the Premier Division Championship and League Cup.

Promoted to the Evo-stik League Division One North they finished in 4th place but lost to eventual winners Witton Albion in the promotion play off semi final.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR RETURNS

LEE RICK RE-SIGNS FOR MOSSLEY

Mossley have re-signed last season's 'Supporters Player of the Year' Lee Rick from Conference North side Droylsden.

Lee (23) is a crafty, hard working and attacking midfielder who originally joined Mossley from Hyde FC in February 2011.

He was the first product of Hyde's then newly formed reserve side to make a breakthrough into the first team in the 2006/07 season. He played around 100 games for Hyde before arriving at Mossley and making his debut in a 2-2 draw at Salford City on 15th March 2011 going on to make 11 appearances before the season's finish.



Last season Lee made 41 appearances for Mossley scoring 4 goals. His last appearance came in the final game of the season, a 6-1 win at Harrogate RA.

Wishing to chance his arm higher up the footballing pyramid, he trialled with and then signed for Droylsden in the close season of 2012 and was an almost ever present in their team up to the last couple of weeks. He has been named as 'man of the match' on a number of occasions for the Bloods.



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Chris Denham**

Mossley

Saunders, Brown, Coo (A. Young 82), Gorton, Halford, Gee, Mather, Rick, Broadbent (Hind 46), Madeley (Coppin 82), Denham.

Unused Subs:

Hopper, Haslam.

Trafford

Read, Halligan (Whight 82), Smart, Mason, Bayunu, Knight, Fallon, Andrews, Oates (Palmer 62), Ahern (Shipton 71), Ashton.

Unused Subs:

Brown, Gallanders.

Mossley made a spectacular return to form with a dramatic second half comeback to leapfrog opponents Trafford in the race for the play-offs.

Trailing by two goals at the break Mossley found their recently absent goalscoring touch to hit three great goals without response in a one sided second period.

The newly re-signed Lee Rick made his return debut in central midfield while Chris Denham and Chris Brown were both recalled to the starting line up to great effect.

With the wind in their favour Trafford were quickly out of the blocks and they won an early fruitless corner before Mossley got into gear. The Lilywhites playing some neat and well controlled football which saw Danny Broadbent and Lee Rick both go close, before the best move of the half finished with Adam Mather firing disappointingly wide from a good position.

Mossley's recent dip looked to be compounded as Trafford took the lead somewhat against the run of play in the 17th minute. The visitors won a corner on the right and Mossley keeper Russell Saunders misjudged the flight of Andy Smart's well taken in-swinger which looked destined for the net before former Mossley striker Michael Oates appeared at the far post to nod the ball home from just about on the goal line.

Worse was to come for Mossley as Trafford began to take control of the game when, on 24 minutes, left back Andy Smart placed a well struck shot just inside Saunders left hand post from outside the box to double Trafford's lead.

Having seemingly done the hard work Trafford then proverbially 'shot themselves in the foot' just two minutes later when one time Mossley midfielder Melford Knight needlessly lunged two footed into Chris Denham from behind and was immediately shown the red card by the perfectly positioned referee.

Nonplused by their reduction in numbers, Trafford continued to force the pace. They might have scored a third but skipper Nia Bayunu fired high over the bar from a

great position. However, Trafford looked to be totally in control of the game as the sides went in at the break.

Whatever player-boss Steve Halford said to his players at half time most definitely worked, despite an injury enforced half time substitution that saw Sam Hind replace Danny Broadbent.

Within two minutes of the restart Mossley had a foot-hold back in the game. Hind flicked a header on to Sam Madeley, who's deft back heel into the path of Adam Mather saw the left midfielder fire home with a precise shot from the edge of the box. Game on!

Mossley continued to press as Trafford's defending became more desperate and the increasingly inevitable equaliser finally came on 61 minutes as Chris Denham hammered home from ten yards after Trafford keeper Read had palmed away Madeley's effort amid another scramble in the Trafford box.

Trafford won a corner quickly after the restart but Mossley defended well and broke quickly again putting Trafford on the back foot. With Mossley pressure continuing there looked only one outcome and that outcome duly came to pass in the 76th minute. Chris Brown fed a perfect ball from the right between centre half and full back finding Chris Denham with his back to goal. The clever forward spun quickly and hammered the ball past Read at his near post to send the recently suffering Mossley fans into jubilation.

Mossley looked far more likely to add a fourth than did Trafford to equalise in the remaining time, though there was a last minute fright when Saunders was forced to grasp the ball in a crowded area as Trafford swung in a final desperate corner kick.

The dramatic nature of the comeback and the resulting boost in confidence will hopefully now galvanize Mossley to put a winning run together in this increasingly vital stage of the season.

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PREMIER CUP 2012 / 13

The Manchester Premier Cup, then known as the Manchester County FA Shield, was first competed for in the 1934-35 season, when Manchester North End beat Hurst 5-2, in the final to become the inaugural champions at their Charles Street Ground in Blackley in front of crowd of 2,400. The gate receipts of £59 were distributed 50% to the FA and 25% to each of the finalists.

In 1955 it became known as the Manchester Intermediate Cup and in 1979 the Manchester Premier Cup.

Mossley won the Shield in 1938 and 1949 and were runners up in 1937, 1939 and 1947.

Mossley won the old Intermediate Cup on three occasions, in 1961, 1967 and 1968 and were runners up on two occasions in 1959 and 1964.

The clubs that have won the Manchester Premier Cup the most times are:

Droylsden - 8
Ashton United, Hyde United - 6
Curzon Ashton - 5
Mossley - 3
Glossop North End - 2
Irlam Town, Maine Road,
Radcliffe Borough - 1

Mossley last won the Premier Cup on the pitch in 1991 when the Lilywhites beat Droylsden 3-2 at Manchester City's Maine Road Stadium.

Mossley have appeared in three finals since then, in 2000, 2009 and 2012 Mossley being pitched against Droylsden in all three.

In 2000 and 2009 Droylsden were the winners by identical 2-1 scorelines and both finals were played at Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park.

Last season, after wins over FC United of Manchester, Abbey Hey and Salford City, Mossley were controversially awarded the Trophy by default when Droylsden were unable to raise an eligible team for the Final which was scheduled for Hyde's Ewen Fields Stadium.

PREVIOUS PREMIER CUP FINALS

1979-80 – Ashton Utd bt Curzon Ashton
1980-81 – Droylsden bt Ashton Town
1981-82 – Curzon Ashton bt Irlam Town
1982-83 – Ashton United bt Chadderton
1983-84 – Curzon Ashton bt Droylsden
1984-85 – Irlam Town bt Curzon Ashton
1985-86 – Curzon Ashton bt Irlam Town
1986-87 – Curzon Ashton bt Flixton 1-0
1987-88 – Maine Road bt Irlam Town
1988-89 – Mossley bt Flixton 3-1
1989-90 – Curzon Ashton bt Salford City
1990-91 – Mossley bt Droylsden 3-2
1991-92 – Ashton United bt Flixton 2-1
1992-93 – Droylsden bt Curzon Ashton 2-0
1993-94 – Hyde United bt Droylsden 4-1
1994-95 – Hyde United bt Trafford 2-1
1995-96 – Hyde United bt Curzon Ashton 4-3 on penalties after 2-2 draw
1996-97 – Glossop North End bt Trafford 5-4 on penalties after 1-1 draw
1997-98 – Glossop NE bt Radcliffe Boro 1-0
1998-99 – Hyde United bt Maine Road 1-0
1999-00 – Droylsden bt Mossley 2-1
2000-01 – Ashton United bt Droylsden 4-0
2001-02 – Ashton United bt Salford City 3-1
2002-03 – Ashton Utd beat Droylsden 2-0
2003-04 – Droylsden bt Ashton United 2-1
2004-05 – Hyde United bt Maine Road 5-4
2005-06 – Hyde United bt Droylsden 2-1
2006-07 – Droylsden bt Flixton 3-0
2007-08 – Radcliffe Boro bt Hyde United 2-1
2008-09 – Droylsden bt Mossley 2-1
2009-10 – Droylsden bt Trafford 2-0
2010-11 – Droylsden bt Ashton United 4-3
2011-12 – Mossley bt Droylsden w / o
2012-13 – Mossley vs Salford City

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Paul Cuddy

With Farsley being a re-formed club and today being only our fourth meeting we have few previous meetings to look back on.

Last season Mossley met Farsley FC for the first time and the re-formed club won both meetings 2-1 at Seel Park and 3-0 at Throstle Nest.

However, we did meet Farsley's predecessors Farsley Celtic on six occasions in the 1990's. Four times in Division One of the UniBond Northern Premier League in seasons 1993/94 and 1994/95 and twice in cup ties.

In 1993/94 the sides drew 2-2 at Seel Park with Mossley's goals scored by Simon Mooney and Colin Julian in Division One of the UniBond League.

The Mossley team was: - Rod Bates, Dave Blow, Andy Noone, Simon Mooney, Micky Boyle, Colin Julian, Darren McHugh, Dave Gallo-way, Dave Brown, Barry Diamond, Colin Heywood. Subs: Rob Price & Mark Hilditch.

The return game at Farsley saw the home side win 2-1 with Phil Hulme scoring the Mossley goal.

Mossley and Farsley also met that season in the Uni-Bond League Division One Cup with Farsley winning 4-0 at the Throstle Nest.

The 1994/95 season was a disaster for Mossley as the side was relegated to the North West Counties League.

Mossley had just appointed their third manager of the season when Mossley and Farsley Celtic met at Seel Park on Saturday 18th March 1995.

Almost the entire team had departed in the wake of the controversial dismissal of

Manager Roy Soule by the even more controversial club Chairman at the time, Frank Whelan, following an unlucky 1-0 defeat at Radcliffe Borough the previous Saturday and a midweek trip to Caernarfon Town was then postponed at short notice as Mossley couldn't raise a team in time and later suffered a points deduction and fine for their failure to play the game. Certainly one of the most embarrassing moments in Mossley's then 92 year history.

Newly appointed Player Manager Paul Cuddy, formerly a star player at Altrincham and an England Semi Pro International.

Cuddy had his work cut out assembling a new team in less than half a week. That he did so and then gained a 3-1 victory is to his great credit.

Only four players remained from Soule's team for the game - goalkeeper Rod Bates, central defenders Paul Uttley and Mark Walsh and striker Mark Aitken.

Aitken and Uttley were both goalscorers that day with young striker Lee Cunliffe, signed on the eve of the game from Chorley Reserves, scored the third and match clinching goal.

The eight players who made their Mossley debuts that day were full backs Neil McKay and Paul Hanvey, Danny Kent. Cuddy himself partnered fellow new boy Danny Kent in midfield with the untried Jason Glasgow on the right wing and full back Charlie Haynes on the left. Veterans Tony Aigbopin and Keith Johnson with a combined age of over 75 were the Mossley substitutes.

The boot was firmly on the



Bernie Hughes

other foot when the sides next met in the penultimate game of the season. It was a game Mossley needed to win to avoid relegation to the North West Counties League.

The experienced former Witton Albion and Radcliffe striker Tony Jarvis scored for Mossley but Farsley responded with three goals to win the match, and, despite Paul Cuddy's best efforts, condemn Mossley to relegation.

Our sides also met once in the FA Cup - a 2nd Qualifying Round tie at the Throstle Nest in the 1996/97 season when Farsley won 3-1. Mossley's goal being a 25 yard screamer by veteran centre forward Bernie Hughes who was in his last season before retirement.

Kevan Keelan was Mossley's manager at that time.

The Mossley team that day was: - Peter Cole, Richard Bevan, Adam Critchley, Steve Allcock, Tony Sanders, Simon Kay, Matt Holt, Andy Baines, Bernie Hughes, Lee Cunliffe, Wayne Joynes. Subs: Danny Kent, Mark Murray, Kenny Weston.



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Saturday 1st September 2012

Player/Manager Steve Halford got exactly the response he was looking for from his Mossley team at Farsley on Saturday, following the terrible disappointment of the previous week's FA Cup defeat, as the side rose to the occasion to deservedly crush much fancied Farsley 4-0 on their own meadow.

It was a powerful and relentless performance by the orange clad Lilywhites, who, to a man, gave their all to secure what is a very impressive result against a side hotly tipped to do very well this season.

Midfield powerhouse Jay Gorton returned to the side after missing the cup defeat and he gave an outstanding man of the match display as he, Chris Rowney and Gary Gee bossed the midfield throughout while Cavell Coo and debutant Adam Mather tirelessly worked the flanks.

With the wind at their backs Farsley pressed early on and forced a couple of corners as Mossley struggled to make headway against the stiff breeze. However, after weathering the early Farsley storm, which included a fine save by

The last time we met...

Martin Pearson to deny Adam Muller, the Lilywhites burst to life with Sam Hind and Kayde Coppin giving tireless displays up front. Hind in particular again proved himself a willing chaser of lost causes which meant the Farsley defence were unable to settle on the ball and were forced to go long, therefore playing into Mossley's hands as the boys in orange at the back comfortably kept the home side at bay.

Mossley now started to look a force in attack as good runs by Hind, Coo and Coppin caused consternation and Jay Gorton hit a 25 yard screamer that thundered off the right hand post with the keeper well beaten.

Mossley deserved their lead when it came on 24 minutes as Hind hit a low cross shot from the right that foxed the home defence and new boy Adam Mather popped up at the far post to poach the opener from close range.

Clearly rattled by the visitors high work-rate, farsley struggled to find a way back into the game as Mossley began to look more and more confident in their approach play and they could have few complaints when the lead was doubled on 40 minutes as Chris Rowney popped up in the six yard box to score when the home side failed to clear a ball in from right.

Farsley no doubt felt their manager's wrath at half time but it failed to rally the troops in his favour and within three minutes of the restart Mossley had a three goal cushion. A Farsley defender mistimed his header and the ball went out for a Mossley corner on the left. Mather's corner kick was flapped at by keeper Guildford and Steve



Steve Halford

Halford powered in to head home from close range.

Farsley tried everything, including a triple substitution but were unable to break Mossley down, though they came close when Chris Rowney cleared a 20 yard shot off the line following a Farsley set piece.

Mossley rounded off a great afternoon for the traveling fans eight minutes from time when substitute Ben Richardson turned the ball home from close range after Jay Gorton had burst into the box on the right.

With nine points from three League games Mossley are up amongst the leaders and will look to maintain that form with home games against Clitheroe and Goole coming up in the next seven days.

Farsley: Guildford, Hardy, Serrant, Watson (Radcliffe 54), Jackson, Pacey, Priestley (Carr 54), Bambrook, Muller (Jones 54), Grant, Walton. Unused sub: Dugdale.

Mossley: Pearson, Coo (Richardson 60), D.Young, O'Brien, Halford, Gorton, Gee, Rowney (Yearwood 85), Coppin, Hind (Salmon 77), Mather. Unused subs: Madeley, Taylor.

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When Bob Murphy first took charge of Mossley in January 1974 his first target was a striker. He quickly signed centre forward Tommy Aspinall from Wigan Athletic and the team's fortunes quickly improved under Murphy's firm leadership.

However, two weeks into the 1974-75 season Murphy was contacted by former Lilywhites boss Don Wilson regarding a young striker who had been at Manchester City as a junior and who Wilson's current club Radcliffe Borough had signed from Glossop. Wilson stated that he consid-



Famous Mossley old boys

Dave Moore

ered 20 years old Moore to be too good for the Cheshire League and that Mossley could have him for a nominal £100 fee.

Murphy took Wilson's advice and promptly signed the talented forward. Moore made a scoring debut for Mossley bagging in 1-1 draw against Matlock Town in a League Cup tie.

Moore's first League goal came in a 2-2 draw against Altrincham at Seel Park on 7th September 1974.

Tommy Aspinall, Jimmy Riley, Bobby Manning and Bob Street were all tried as Moore's strike partner but the coup de grâce came in January 1975 when centre forward Leo Skeete arrived, initially on loan, from Rochdale.

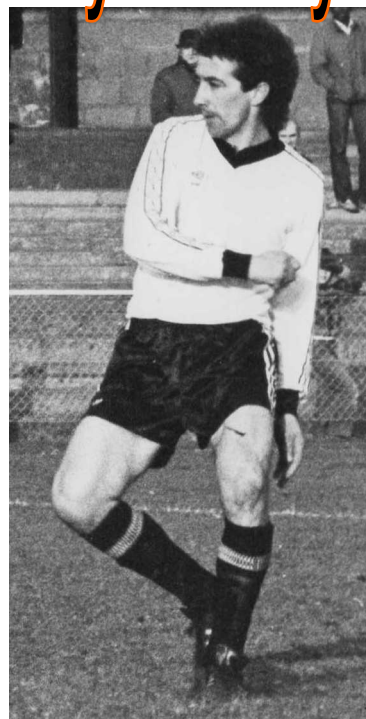
The pair hit off an instant understanding. Moore missed only three games through to the end of the season and scored 38 goals, breaking the club's post war scoring record for the first time, playing off Skeete's flicks and lay-offs to great effect.

The partnership was to provide the strike force for Mossley's fantastic successes over the following eight years.

Moore hit 33 goals in 57 appearances in 1975-76, 32 in 55 games the following season and 29 in 43 games in 1977-78.

1978-79 saw Moore break the club's post war goalscoring record again, this time with 41 goals in Mossley's all conquering forward line which included Skeete, Ian Smith and Eamonn O'Keefe as the Lilywhites achieved the Northern Premier League title and League Cup double.

As Mossley retained the NPL title in the 1979-80 season Moore scored 26 goals in 41 games and took his place on the team-sheet when Mossley faced Dagenham at Wembley Stadium in the 1980 FA Trophy Final.



Mossley finished NPL runners up the following season with Moore scoring 20 in 42 games and in 1981-82, his last for the club, he scored 14 in 32 appearances.

Moore decided to retire from semi pro football in 1982 and played for a couple of years for The New Street-bridge Inn in the Gorton Sunday League where he continued to rack up the goals.

Brian Grundy replaced Murphy as manager in 1984 and tried to bring Moore back to Seel Park but he played only one game under Grundy scoring in a defeat by Buxton.

Moore played a total of 399 games for Mossley and scored a club record 234 goals.

A butcher by trade Moore left football for good in the mid 1980's.

Dave Moore was widely considered one of the best strikers never to play in the Football League and it amazing that no higher club than Mossley ever took a chance on him.

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