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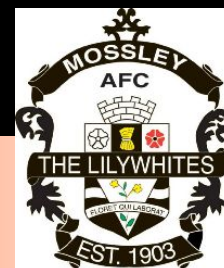
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Qualifying Round re-

**play as we welcome the players, offi-
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 Seel Park.**

Despite being two levels lower in the non league pyramid, Mossley gave a fine account of themselves at the New Manor Ground to earn a well deserved 1-1 draw. The untutored neutral observer would have been unable to distinguish the higher placed team on a day when the Lilywhites again showed the 'never-say-die' attitude so prevalent in the two games against Brackley Town in the previous round.

After dominating the first half without reward and falling a goal behind early in the second half, Steve Moore struck with ten minutes remaining to earn the Lilywhites tonight's potentially lucrative replay.

The draw for the 1st Round Proper (last 64) was made yesterday and after three successive away ties it would have been nice to be drawn at home. However, it wasn't to be and the winners of tonight's replay will face the long trip north to face Blue Square North mid-table Blyth Spartans on Saturday 12th December.

The latest squad news sees Joe Shaw depart Mossley for Trafford in search of regular playing time, whilst Mike Fish and Chris Hurst have both returned to Mossley after spells with Curzon Ashton and Salford City respectively.

This coming Saturday (28th November - 3 pm we are in Seel Park action again as we play host to Ossett Albion.

John Cawthorne

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Results & Fixtures



Saturday 21st November 2009

FA TROPHY – 3rd Qualifying Round

AFC FYLDE 1-1 Hinckley United

Guiseley 3-1 FC HALIFAX TOWN

Ilkeston Town 1-1 MOSSLEY

King's Lynn 1-0 SALFORD CITY

LEIGH GENESIS 0-1 Redditch United

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Bamber Bridge 4-0 Harrogate RA

Clitheroe 2-1 Wakefield

Garforth Town 2-1 Rossendale United

Radcliffe Borough 1-2 Prescott Cables

Trafford 2-3 Curzon Ashton

Warrington Town 2-0 Chorley

Woodley Sports 1-3 Ossett Albion

Tuesday, 24th November 2009

FA TROPHY 3rd - Qualifying Round Replays

Hinckley United v AFC FYLDE

MOSSLEY v Ilkeston Town

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Chorley v Prescott Cables

Colwyn Bay v Warrington Town

Rossendale United v Clitheroe

Skelmersdale United v Bamber Bridge

UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – 3rd Round

Boston United v Hucknall Town

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Kings Lynn v Retford United

Marine v Curzon Ashton

Ossett Town v Sheffield FC

Quorn v Shepshed Dynamo

UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – 3rd Rnd

Belper Town v Chasetown

MANCHESTER PREMIER CUP – 1st Round

SALFORD CITY v RADCLIFFE BOROUGH

Wednesday, 25th November 2009

UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – 3rd Round

Mickleover Sports v Buxton

Stocksbridge PS v Bradford Park Avenue

Whitby Town v Guiseley

Workshop Town v Leek Town

Saturday, 28th November 2009

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

AFC Fylde v Lancaster City

Chorley v Curzon Ashton

Clitheroe v Bamber Bridge

FC Halifax Town v Woodley Sports

Leigh Genesis v Colwyn Bay

Mossley v Ossett Albion

Prescot Cables v Salford City

Radcliffe Borough v Garforth Town

Skelmersdale United v Rossendale United

Wakefield v Harrogate Railway Athletic

Warrington Town v Trafford

UNIBOND LEAGUE DIVISION ONE NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Curzon Ashton (-3)	18	13	3	2	45	16	+29	39
2 Colwyn Bay	17	12	3	2	41	21	+20	39
3 Lancaster City	13	11	0	2	38	11	+27	33
4 Skelmersdale United	17	9	5	3	41	22	+19	32
5 FC Halifax Town	13	10	2	1	28	9	+19	32
6 Leigh Genesis	16	9	2	5	36	20	+16	29
7 Bamber Bridge	14	7	5	2	19	9	+10	26
8 Warrington Town	15	8	0	7	23	25	- 2	24
9 Prescott Cables	19	7	3	9	20	34	-14	24
10 Clitheroe	16	6	5	5	24	22	+2	23
11 Trafford	18	6	4	8	34	31	+3	22
12 Chorley	17	5	5	7	22	33	-11	20
13 AFC Fylde	16	5	4	7	23	26	- 3	19
14 Wakefield	17	4	7	6	14	17	- 3	19
15 Mossley	15	4	6	5	14	17	- 3	18
16 Garforth Town	19	4	5	10	25	35	-10	17
17 Ossett Albion	18	4	4	10	25	39	-14	16
18 Radcliffe Borough	14	4	3	7	15	30	-15	15
19 Salford City	13	3	3	7	15	26	-11	12
20 Woodley Sports	17	1	8	8	14	30	-16	11
21 Harrogate Railway Athletic (-3)	16	2	4	10	16	36	-20	7
22 Rossendale United	16	1	3	12	9	32	-23	6

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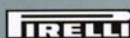
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Moorsy does it again!

Ilkeston Town 1 Mossley 1

For the second round running in the FA Trophy a late goal from Steve Moore was enough to earn Mossley a draw against higher level opposition and force a re-play.

The first half was almost as drab as the weather hanging above the Blue Square North sides New Manor Ground. Only twice beneath the wet and grey sky did the game burst into a modicum of life.

The first occasion was when an early spell of pressure saw Peter Collinge produce an excellent save to deny Gary Rickett as he broke through the visitors defence, followed moments later by an equally good stop to prevent Amari Morgan-Smith from opening the scoring.

Midway through the half it became Mossley's turn to threaten the score line. Steve Settle brought a good save out of Dan Lowson with a stinging shot and the resulting corner, an inswinger from Karl Brown, was somehow bundled off the line by Paul Dempsey as players in white shirts bore down on him.

That proved to be the last noteworthy event of the opening period and the dull first half gave way to what looked like being an even duller second until Ilkeston took a 55th minute lead. Mossley looked to have dealt comfortably with a Town attack but an ill-advised pass across the edge of the box was intercepted by **Sam Duncum** who, after cutting past Andy Russell, curled a shot beyond the reach of Collinge.

It was only after they edged themselves in front that Ilkeston began to look, albeit briefly, like a team two divisions higher than their opponents. Rickett fired wide when it looked far easier to score and Dan Holmes hit the post as the visitors confined Mossley to their own defensive third of the pitch.

Their failure to take any of these chances proved to be costly when Mossley levelled the score with eleven minutes of the match remaining. It was literally a goal out of nowhere too as even though they'd had the same amount of possession as their hosts, the Lilywhites had barely mounted an attack, let alone managed a shot in anger, since the interval.

Taking advantage of some indecision in Town's midfield, Jordan Goodeve played a pass through the centre of the home defence to **Steve Moore**. After taking one touch to control the ball Moore drove it low past Lowson with his second to give the visitors a shock leveller.



Steve Moore . . . Yet again Mossley's goal scoring saviour

Not surprisingly the goal gave Mossley a huge lift and for the first time in the half the home team were having to defend deeply. There was to be only one more chance though before the final whistle and it fell the way of the Lilywhites; Russell's powerful header from a Settle cross however could only find the hands of Lowson.

Taking the game as a whole though the draw was probably the fairest result, meaning that both teams will now have to face one another again at what's likely to be an even wet and windier Seel Park.

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Down Memory Lane

1 YEAR AGO

Woodley Sports 1 Mossley 4

UniBond League Division One North
Scorers: Self, Egan, Dignan, Blackshaw
Team: Robertson, Wood, Mortimer, Bowden, Boothby,
Kelly, Self, Weston, Egan, Dignan, Hirst.
Subs: Fish, Blackshaw, Cook, Berkeley, Brooke.

5 YEARS AGO

Kidsgrove Athletic 4 Mossley 4

UniBond League Division One
Scorers: Downey, Taylor, Giggs-2
Team: Melville, Rezai, Sheil, Brown, Meadowcroft,
Goodeve, Taylor, Forde, Giggs, Downey, Morning.
Subs: Slack, Patterson, Hore.

10 YEARS AGO

Mossley 3 Salford City 1

North West Counties League
Scorers: Brindley, Wolstenholme, Dicken
Team: White, Oldham, Birch, Paver, Taylor, Thomas,
Porter, Brennan, Brindley, Wolstenholme, Dicken.
Subs: Connor, Coyne, Cain.

15 YEARS AGO

Mossley 3 Workington 0

UniBond League Division One
Scorers: Boyle, Sivori, Orrell
Team: Bates, Blow, Walton, Ashton, Uttley, Blow,
Heaton, Hulme, Boyle, Joynes, Davies.
Subs: Aston, Jones, Crabtree..

20 YEARS AGO

Mossley 1 Fleetwood Town 1

Northern Premier League
Scorer: McCluskie
Team: Jackson, Tomlinson, Marriott, McDermott,
Hibbert, Stanley, Martin, Kelly, McCluskie, Quinn,
Saunders. Subs: Wood, Gibiliru.

25 YEARS AGO

Mossley 2 Oswestry Town 1

Northern Premier League
Scorers: DeVault, Hart
Team: Lewis, O'Connor, Swan, Gay, Wardle, Hart,
Nisbett, Connor, Owen, Golder, DeVault.
Sub: Riley.

30 YEARS AGO

York City 5 Mossley 2

FA Cup 1st Round Proper
Scorers: Smith-2
Team: Cavanagh, Brown, Vaughan, Keelan, Pollitt,
Grimshaw, Smith, Garmory, L.Skeete, O'Connor,
Gorman. Sub: Grundy.



Danny Self volleys Mossley into the lead in the 4-1 win at Woodley Sports 12 months ago this week.

Outrageously talented winger **Darrell Dicken** was signed for Mossley by Benny Phillips for the start of the 1998/99 season from Winsford United. Dicken quickly set Seel Park alight with his mazy dribbling skills and ability to score spectacular long range goals.



In his first season at Mossley he was voted as the North West Counties League Player of the Year and he went on to make a total of 150 appearances for Mossley over four seasons, scoring 33 goals. Amongst Dicken's goal tally was probably one of the best goals ever seen at Seel Park. In a home game against Maine Road he received the ball inside his own half on the right wing with his back to the opponents goal, flicked the ball over his own head and the head of his marker and deftly volleyed the ball into the Maine Road net from fully 60 yards. Unfortunately, Dicken's temperament often had him in trouble, not least when he was unceremoniously sent off in the FA Vase quarter final defeat at Deal Town in the 1999/2000 season. Darrell Dicken later had spells with Witton Albion, Woodley Sports and Clitheroe.

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Appearances & Goalscorers 2009/10

	2009/10		Mossley Career		Previous club
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	
Nick Allen	10+1 (8)	0	11	0	Glossop North End
Lee Blackshaw	0+9 (2)	1	97	18	Glossop North End
Nick Boothby	6+1 (3)	0	49	3	Woodley Sports
Karl Brown	18	2	18	2	Chorley
Peter Collinge	26	0	26	0	Chorley
Danny Egan	10+8 (4)	1	64	11	Macclesfield Town
Mike Fish	0+2	0	76	25	Curzon Ashton
Jordan Goodeve	15+4 (4)	0	111	21	Curzon Ashton
Chris Hirst	0 (1)	0	31	4	Salford City
Jonathan Jackson	6+1 (1)	0	7	0	Stalybridge Celtic
Graham Kay	26	3	53	4	Woodley Sports
Matty Kay	25	13	39	14	Salford City
Steve Moore	16	10	16	10	Salford City
Nathan Neequaye	2+8 (2)	3	24	7	Glossop North End
Ben Richardson	17+3 (2)	1	32	2	Stalybridge Celtic
Andy Russell	17	0	18	0	Woodley Sports
Steve Settle	14+5 (1)	4	19	4	Leigh Genesis
Tom Spearritt	5 (2)	0	5	0	Chorley
Sam Walker	23+2	0	25	0	Woodley Sports
Andy Watson	21 (1)	1	21	1	Rossendale United

Also played

Kayleme Baxter	0+1	0	1	0	Gregorians
Rob Crank	0+1 (2)	0	1	0	?
Danny Dignan	5	1	37	12	<i>long term injury</i>
Scott Dignan	0 (2)	0	0	0	Padiham
Matt Easter	0+5 (4)	0	5	0	Abbey Hey
Leon Henry	5+2	0	70	3	Ashton United
Chris McCaughtrie	2	0	2	0	?
Nathan McDonald	2+4 (1)	0	6	0	Trafford
Kurtis Noble	2+2	0	4	0	?
Joe Shaw	3+5 (8)	0	87	10	Trafford
Dan Schwarz	8+1 (2)	0	9	0	Kids Grove Athletic
Gareth Wager	1+3 (4)	0	4	0	Abbey Hey
Stuart Wellstead	2	0	2	0	Winsford United
Matthew Wrigley	0 (1)	0	0	0	Winsford United

own goals

2

max appearances 26

total goals 42

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Unbeaten run ends in stoppage time

FC Halifax Town 2 Mossley 1

All good things must come to an end and that's precisely what they did for Mossley on a drizzly night in West Yorkshire as an injury time goal at The Shay brought their fourteen match unbeaten run to a halt.

This Unibond League President's Cup fixture started well for Mossley with them doing most, if not all, of the early pressing. The two Steve's - Moore and Settle - as well as Nathan Neequaye all having a chance each to make the Lilywhites opening to the game a great one rather than a good one.

The visitors persistence was rewarded though in the 21st minute when Graham Kay headed Karl Brown's corner towards a crowded goal and thanks to a bizarre series of deflections off a multitude of different body parts, the ball eventually crossed the line to give Mossley a deserved lead.

It was a lead too that didn't appear to be in any danger, such was the lack of threat from Halifax but as half-time approached the home side rather fortuitously found themselves back in the game. A rare piece of untidy defending on the night allowed Mark Peers to find space and take a shot at goal. His effort was a poor one and appeared to be heading into touch until it took an enormous deflection off the back of Graham Kay, sending the ball flying past a wrong footed Peter Collinge and into the net.

The equaliser seemed to rock Mossley a little and the half ended with Town enjoying their first sustained spell of pressure in the game. It was one that would have seen them enter the interval in front too if it hadn't been for a point blank save from Collinge and an immaculately timed goal line tackle from Tom Spearitt.

What followed after the break was a much more even contest with both sides taking it in turns to put their opponents goal under pressure. James Dean and Peers had a couple of opportunities each to edge Halifax ahead, while at the other end of the pitch some inaccurate shooting was hampering Mossley's hopes of doing something similar.

The best chance though did fall Mossley's way. It came when the ball spilled out to the feet of Matty Kay after the Town keeper and a defender had clattered into one another in an attempt to break up an attack. His shot however was blocked by the head of Mark Hotte (and unintentionally so too judging by his surprised reaction afterwards) as he wearily picked himself off the ground following the collision with his team mate.

Over the course of their unbeaten streak Mossley have rescued and won numerous games with a late or last gasp goal, but it was to come to an end with them conceding



Pic by Smiffy

Graham Kay . . . heads Mossley's goal

one themselves. With the game in injury time and an extra thirty minutes looking a distinct and unwelcome possibility, Halifax won a corner. The initial effort resulting from the inswinging cross was cleared off the line by Sam Walker. The ball though fell kindly for Dean who sent it back towards goal and for the third time on the night a deflection helped a shot reach the back of its intended target.

Despite the loss there are plenty of positives Mossley can take out of the game as they head into a far more important cup fixture at Ilkeston Town this coming weekend.

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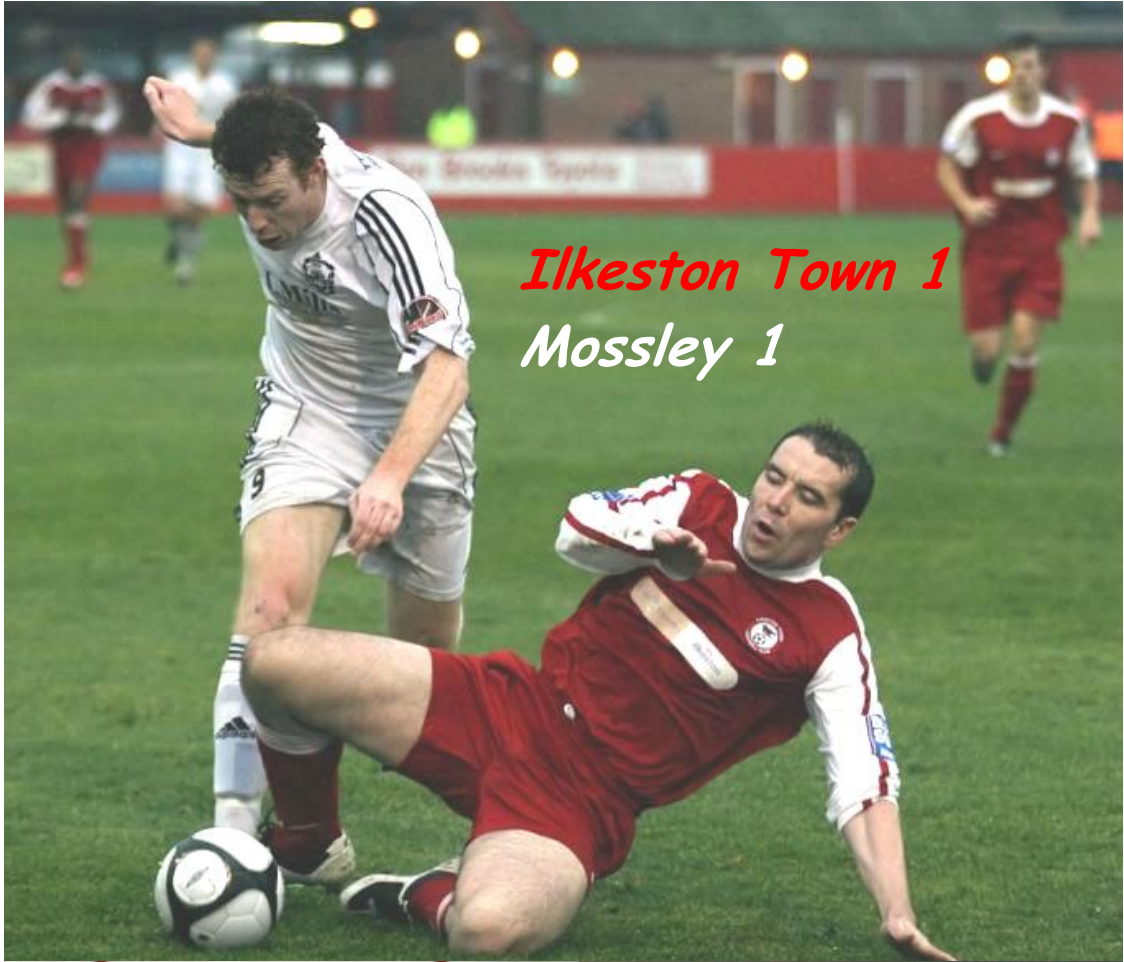
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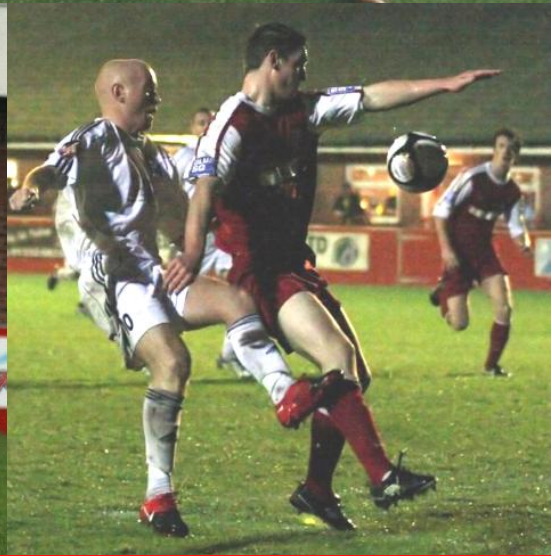
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*Ilkeston Town 1
Mossley 1*



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Mossley AFC Results & Fixtures 2009/10

Date	Opponents	Result	Att	Comp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17
Aug 15	Garforth Town	A W 1-0	122	UL1N	Collinge	Jackson	Schwarz	G.Kay	Boothby	Watson	M.Kay	Goodeve	Egan	D.Dignan	Walker	Blackshaw	McDonald	Henry	S.Dignan	Easter
Aug 18	Colwyn Bay	H L 1-4	182	UL1N	Collinge	Jackson	Schwarz	G.Kay	Boothby	Wager	M.Kay	Goodeve	Egan	D.Dignan	Walker	Crank	McDonald	Henry	S.Dignan	Easter
Aug 22	Lancaster City	H L 0-2	194	UL1N	Collinge	Schwarz	Henry	G.Kay	Boothby	Watson	M.Kay	Goodeve	Egan	D.Dignan	Noble	Wager	McDonald	Easter	Baxter	Wrigley
Aug 25	AFC Fylde	A D 0-0	240	UL1N	Collinge	Schwarz	Henry	G.Kay	Boothby	Watson	M.Kay	Goodeve	McDonald	D.Dignan	Walker	Egan	Wager	Easter	Jackson	-
Aug 29	Cammell Laird	A L 1-2	76	FACpr	Collinge	Schwarz	Henry	G.Kay	Boothby	Watson	Richardson	M.Kay	D.Dignan	McDonald	Walker	Egan	Wager	Noble	Goodeve	Jackson
Aug 31	Chorley	H D 2-2	246	UL1N	Collinge	Jackson	Schwarz	G.Kay	Watson	M.Kay	Henry	Richardson	McCaughtrie	Noble	Walker	McDonald	Easter	-	-	-
Sep 4	Warrington Town	A L 0-2	151	UL1N	Collinge	Jackson	Henry	G.Kay	Boothby	Watson	M.Kay	Brown	McCaughtrie	Settle	Walker	Egan	Richardson	Noble	Schwarz	McDonald
Sep 12	Leigh Genesis	H D 1-1	163	UL1N	Collinge	Jackson	Schwarz	G.Kay	Watson	Allen	Shaw	M.Kay	Egan	Brown	Wellstead	Richardson	Walker	Settle	Goodeve	Boothby
Sep 15	Ossett Albion	A L 0-2	86	UL1N	Collinge	Jackson	Schwarz	G.Kay	Watson	Allen	Shaw	M.Kay	Egan	Brown	Wellstead	Richardson	Walker	Settle	Goodeve	Boothby
Sep 19	Salford City	H L 0-1	162	UL1N	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Shaw	Brown	Egan	Settle	M.Kay	Goodeve	Boothby	Allen	Schwarz	Crank
Sep 22	Radcliffe Borough	H W 1-0	142	ULC1	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Egan	Brown	Moore	Allen	Settle	Crank	Schwarz	Shaw
Sep 26	Harrogate RA	A W 3-0	136	UL1N	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Egan	Brown	Moore	Allen	Blackshaw	Shaw	Settle	Easter
Sep 29	Trafford	H W 2-0	158	UL1N	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Goodeve	Allen	Egan	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Blackshaw	Settle	Wager	Easter
Oct 3	Bedworth United	H W 5-2	113	FATpr	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Egan	Brown	Moore	Allen	Shaw	Settle	Wager	Easter
Oct 10	Clitheroe	A D 0-0	256	UL1N	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Allen	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Easter	Wager	Boothby
Oct 13	Lancaster City	H W 4-1	128	PC1	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Allen	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Easter	Goodeve	Blackshaw
Oct 17	Spalding United	A W 3-1	94	FAT1Q	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Allen	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Easter	Goodeve	Egan
Oct 20	Maine Road	H W 4-0	111	MPC1	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Allen	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Blackshaw	Goodeve	Egan
Oct 24	Leigh Genesis	A D 1-1	235	UL1N	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Watson	Russell	Allen	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Spearritt	Goodeve	Egan
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Nov 3	Brackley Town	H W 3-1	135	FAT R	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Spearritt	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Blackshaw	Allen	Egan
Nov 7	Wakefield	H D 1-1	161	UL1N	Collinge	Richardson	Walker	G.Kay	Spearritt	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Shaw	Neequaye	Blackshaw	Allen	Egan
Nov 14	Rossendale United	A W 2-1	138	UL1N	Collinge	Settle	Walker	G.Kay	Spearritt	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Neequaye	Allen	Moore	Richardson	Fish	Blackshaw	Egan	Hirst
Nov 17	FC Halifax Town	A L 1-2	410	PC2	Collinge	Settle	Walker	G.Kay	Spearritt	Russell	Goodeve	M.Kay	Neequaye	Brown	Moore	Richardson	Blackshaw	Allen	Egan	Watson
Nov 21	Ilkeston Town	A D 1-1	271	FAT3Q	Collinge	Russell	Spearritt	G.Kay	Watson	Walker	Goodeve	M.Kay	Settle	Brown	Moore	Allen	Blackshaw	Neequaye	Fish	Richardson
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Dec 1	Woodley Sports	Away		UL1N																
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Thirteen became fourteen for Mossley as the Lilywhites extended their current unbeaten run by one more game at the expense of bottom of the table Rossendale United.

Torrential rain in the hours leading up to kick-off had left the Dark Lane pitch resembling one more suited to growing rice on than playing football but to many people's astonishment the referee still deemed it to be playable. So, with a sizeable percentage of the playing surface under water, the match kicked off from the large pool where the centre spot should have been.

It was in these farcical conditions though that Mossley took a sixth minute lead. Steve Settle was tripped as he cut into the box from the right wing, which gave Steve Moore the opportunity to score his ninth goal for the club from the penalty spot.

Even at this early stage of the game it was a goal that had seemed somehow inevitable as the Lilywhites got to grips with the puddles and ponds a lot faster than their hosts. Despite dominating proceedings though they couldn't turn the large amounts of possession they enjoyed into meaningful efforts on Bob Harris's goal.

As the game wore on, and the waters began to recede a little, Rossendale started to create a few chances themselves. Even so, their equaliser in the 20th minute still came as something of a shock. A cross from the right appeared to be harmless but a lapse in concentration allowed Josh Mitten squeeze between a defender and the goalkeeper to turn it into the net.

The goal turned out to be the last moment of note in the half and things didn't improve much after the break as the heavy pitch began to take its toll on the players; both goalkeepers turning into peripheral figures as the match literally became bogged down in a turgid midfield battle.

Barring a moment of quality in a game where the conditions almost ensured none was possible, it looked increasingly like Mossley would be registering their third successive one-all draw in the league. Thankfully that one spark of excellence did arrive and, even more thankfully, Mossley were the instigators and the beneficiaries of it.

In the 69th minute substitute Michael Fish released Settle down the right and his first time cross landed inch perfectly at the feet of the inrushing Moore. The forward was denied his second goal of the game by an excellent save from Harris but Matty Kay followed up to tap the rebound across the line and put Mossley in front once more.



Matty Kay . . . scored winning goal

With the match nearing its end, driving wind and rain began to lash Dark Lane again and it was in this squally environment that the Stag's launched one last concerted effort to get something from the game. The Mossley defence though stood firm on a pitch that had long since lost those characteristics and they confined the home side to just one chance in injury time. Danny Ellis tried lobbing Peter Collinge from 35 yards but his admirable effort dropped a couple of feet wide of the goal.

It was a game that won't be remembered fondly - if at all, but it's one that puts a bit more distance between Mossley and the foot of the division as they head into a busy fortnight of cup fixtures.

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- 7 AFC Fylde or Hinckley United v York City
- 8 Wrexham v Altrincham
- 9 Kettering Town v Barrow
- 10 Chester City v Fleetwood Town
- 11 Witton Albion or Matlock Town v Kidderminster Harriers
- 12 Nantwich Town v Stalybridge Celtic or AFC Telford United
- 13 Stourbridge or Southport v North Ferriby United or Gainsborough Trinity
- 14 Blyth Spartans v Ilkeston Town or Mossley**
- 15 Welling United v Eastbourne Borough
- 16 Bishop's Stortford v Maidenhead United
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Fish and Hirst return, while Shaw departs



Mossley have re-signed last season's top goalscorer Mike Fish after his spell with Curzon Ashton and have also re-signed versatile attacking midfielder Chris Hirst while Joe Shaw has left the Club in search of regular football.



Fish scored 20 goals for the Lilywhites last term but departed to Curzon prior to the start of the current season. However, he was unable to dislodge Mike Norton or Andy Lundy from the Curzon strike-force and his appearances for them have been mostly off the bench. He will be hoping to earn a place in the Mossley line up with some big games ahead for the club.

Hirst returns to Mossley after the former Macclesfield youngster was finally released from an unhappy spell with Salford City. He joined Mossley on extended loan from Macclesfield last season and the 20 year old impressed with his pace, skill and movement in his 31 appearances which yielded 4 goals.

A misunderstanding in the closed season led him to sign for Salford following his release by the Silkmen but after appearing for them at the start of the season he picked up an injury from which he has now recovered.

If Hirst can recapture his form of last season he will be another very useful addition to Chris Willcock's squad.

Meanwhile, midfielder Shaw, who has been unable to break into the Mossley starting line up in recent weeks has moved on to Trafford in search of a regular game, something Mossley boss Chris Willcock was currently unable to offer him due to the great form of the Mossley midfield.

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“The Robins”



Ilkeston Town Football Club was founded on Tuesday, July 24th, 1945 at 82 Park Drive, the home of local football enthusiast Fred Cook. Among his guests that evening was Bernard Shaw; Shaw, a superb administrator, became General Secretary and Cook, after a few weeks of being Ground Administrator, became team manager. All those present made up the Ilkeston Town committee. 32 days later the club played its first competitive match. This was the first senior match involving an Ilkeston team since 1937, when Ilkeston FC collapsed under financial pressure. Senior football had been played in Ilkeston since 1882 but Ilkeston Mechanics, Ilkeston Wanderers, another Ilkeston Town and Ilkeston United each suffered a similar fate to Ilkeston FC. That Ilkeston Town FC is still here thriving today is a glowing testament to all the hard working people involved with the club during the past 63 years.

Ilkeston's first two seasons were spent in the Notts & Derbys Senior League. The team was made up almost entirely of local talent and they struggled initially. A slow but steady improvement during the first season ended with a significant morale boost. Town reached the final of the Derbyshire Senior Cup and although they were beaten 3-1 they did to take a vastly experienced Buxton side to extra time. The club was up and running and they quickly built on that platform. The 1946/47 season saw them finish as runners-up of the Notts & Derbys Senior League and they also recorded their biggest two victories, records which remain today. On 3rd May 1947 Ilkeston won 14-2 at Codnor MW and on 12th October 1946 they beat Swanwick Old Boys 13-0 at home in the Derbyshire Divisional Cup. Town went on to win the Divisional Cup that season and they repeated the feat in 1950/51 and 1951/52.

The 1951/52 season saw Town come of age. They won the Central Alliance title for the first time. Perhaps of even greater significance was the fact that they became the first Ilkeston team in history to reach the First Round proper of the FA Cup. The Rochdale game became very much part of the club's folklore due to an unusual incident in the closing stages. Rochdale, two goals up and desperate to hold on to their lead, cleared the white ball high out of the ground where it became lodged in an adjacent Elm tree. The gathering gloom necessitated the use of the white ball, the only one Ilkeston owned. After more than ten minutes delay, during which time all sorts of methods had been tried to retrieve the ball whilst a mini pitch invasion took place, the referee decided to continue the game with a standard ball which was almost invisible in the darkness. When the full time whistle was blown there was considerable confusion because many people thought that the match had been abandoned. Meanwhile, the white ball had been rescued from the tree but the referee reported Town to the FA because he believed that they had deliberately tried to avoid getting the ball back. The charges were dropped. The following season saw the club have a new badge depicting the ball in the tree and this became the club emblem for many years.

Town's dominance in the Central Alliance continued for the next three seasons when they won the title each time. The 1953/54 season was their best when they finished twelve points clear, won 30 of the 36 matches, scored 128 goals and conceded just 29. Success was not just confined to the Central Alliance. They also won the Derbyshire Senior Cup, for the second time, in 1952/53 having won it four years earlier. Ilkeston have gone on to win this competition a total of eleven times, a record for a Derbyshire non-League club. Ilkeston's run of four successive Central Alliance titles ended when they finished second in 1955/56 in an otherwise successful season. An FA Cup tie against Peterborough United attracted a record home gate of 9592 but this figure was eclipsed by the 11912 attendance for Town's Derbyshire Senior Cup Final victory against Heanor at the Baseball Ground. This gate is the highest ever in the competition's 127 year history. The following season saw Town reach the FA Cup First Round for the second time when they were beaten 5-1 at home by non-League giants Blyth Spartans.

Gradually the all-conquering team began to break up and the club ceased to be such a force whilst remaining one of the better sides in the Central Alliance. However, they still managed to win the Central Alliance League Cup and Derbyshire Senior Cup double in 1957/58. They remained in the Central Alliance until 1961 when they, along with several of their rivals and a number from the Yorkshire League, opted to enter the more powerful Midland League. Such a challenge led to the committee appointing a manager from outside their ranks - Ken Rawson - who became only the second man to be given such responsibility, the first being Gibson McNaughton who had a brief and unsuccessful stint in 1950.

Ilkeston's team during the early 1980s was their most exciting since the 1960s but their inconsistency meant that they never seriously challenged for honours. By the middle of the decade most of their best players had gone and the 1985/86 season was a disaster as Town finished bottom of the Northern Counties East League. The long travelling distances involved in going to some of the more northern and eastern based clubs and the drain on their limited resources persuaded the club to join the newly created Supreme Division of the Central Midlands League in 1986. It was expected that many local rivals would follow suit but not all of them did. To make matters worse the Central Midlands League was not a valid feeder league in the Pyramid and so Town were effectively trapped. Crowds dwindled again, finances became critical, and more significantly it became apparent that the local council would no longer lease the ground to the club as they were keen to redevelop the site.

The Manor Ground had been home to Ilkeston football since 1893 and at its height was something to be proud of, despite its notorious slope and raised corners. In more recent times it had become sadly neglected but supporters still launched a campaign to save it. Unfortunately, the lack of support the club had at the time meant that the voice of the few was unlikely to be heard and it seemed that the very existence of the club was under threat.

Things changed in 1989 when local millionaire businessman Paul Millership took control of the club. One of the first signings the club made following the takeover was Kenny Burns, the former Nottingham Forest and Scotland star, and such an imaginative capture had an immediate boost on gate receipts. Then, in 1990, Ilkeston were accepted into the West Midlands Regional League Premier Division, one step below the Southern League and they were able to build for the future. Meanwhile Millership accepted that if Town were to progress the club would have to give up the Manor Ground and have a new purpose built ground to call their home.

The New Manor Ground opened on 15th August 1992 for the opening day fixture with Chasetown. It boasted a clubhouse and a covered stand, but more importantly floodlights. A 780 gate attended the first game, the largest for a league fixture since 1971, and 611 witnessed the first ever floodlit match staged in Ilkeston a couple of months later. The new found interest grew and an exciting new era dawned as the ghosts of the 1950s were laid to rest. A close knit team developed that took the club through to the Southern League Premier Division with back to back promotions by 1995.

The step up proved too great. Manager Bill Brindley was sacked in September and former Burnley and Wales winger Leighton James took his place but the team still struggled at the foot of the table. James followed Brindley out of the club and Keith Alexander, the former Lincoln manager, was appointed. Unable to stave off relegation he nevertheless became the most successful manager in Town's history. The 1997/98 season was a historic one as The Robins not only won promotion but also became the first Town team to reach the Second Round of the FA Cup. The historic 2-1 win over Boston United in the First Round was watched by 2504 fans and the reward was an away to Scunthorpe United, three leagues higher than Ilkeston. Town almost pulled off a major shock but were denied victory by a late equaliser. The winners of the replay faced a trip to Premiership Crystal Palace but Ilkeston bravely went down 2-1 in front of 2109 fans.

The 1998/99 season saw Town finish third in the Southern League Premier Division, their highest ever placing, but another stunning FA Cup run the following season surpassed even that achievement. On 30th October 1999 1748 fans saw Ilkeston beat League opposition for the first time when they defeated Carlisle United 2-1. The Second Round tie, against non-League big spenders Rushden & Diamonds, was watched by a ground record 2538 spectators and ended in a 1-1 draw, but Town lost the replay 3-0. Sheffield United away had awaited the winners.

Despite having the finest players and most successful manager to have represented the club, promotion to the Conference eluded Ilkeston. Alexander left in October 2000, and although Town made another FA Cup First Round appearance the following month - which they lost 4-1 at Swindon - the club went into decline. Former Derby and Nottingham Forest champion John McGovern lasted only a few months as manager and in 2002/03, when former Scotland striker John McGinlay was in charge to begin with, Town were relegated from the Premier Division. The team needed to finish in the top 8 of the Western Division the following season if the decline was to be arrested due to the restructure of the Pyramid but they could only manage a mid-table finish.

Ilkeston transferred to the Unibond League in 2004 and manager Phil Stant, aided by future Ilkeston manager Nigel Jemson who top scored, won promotion to the Premier Division at the first attempt. Stant was sacked early in the 2005/06 season and Jemson led Town to safety. Progress was made the following season and the Derbyshire Senior Cup was won for the eleventh time and hopes were high that the 2007/08 season would see Ilkeston heading for a play-off place. Instead, it was a disastrous season, both on and off the pitch. The club was hit hard by the tragic loss of its saviour Paul Millership, and the team only managed to survive relegation on goal difference.

In the 2008/09 season they finished second behind Eastwood Town in the Northern Premier League Premier Division. In the play-offs they beat Kendal Town 4-3 to reach the final. The club gained promotion to the Conference North on 2 May 2009 when they beat Nantwich Town in the play off final 2-1 after extra time with a 94th-minute winner, in front of 1,794 fans.

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Meet "The Robins"



CHARLIE O'LOUGHLIN Born Birmingham, 17 March 1989. Tall, commanding central defender, a fine header of a ball and comfortable with the ball at his feet. Started out at Port Vale where he made 3 League appearances and had loan periods at Nantwich Town and Hinckley United before signing for Nantwich permanently. Impressed against Ilkeston in the 2008/09 Unibond League play off final and signed for The Robins a couple of months later.

AARON PALMER Age 23. The much-travelled front man was Nigel Jemson's first summer signing of 2007 for Ilkeston but was released before the end of that year. He has recently been with Halesowen Town, Corby Town and Weymouth. He signed for Hereford Teamwear United Counties League Premier Division side Boston Town at the beginning of the current campaign. Palmer has also had stints at Stoke City, Scarborough, Hinckley United, Grimsby, York City, Alfreton Town, Grantham Town and Worksop Town.

RORY PRENDERGAST Age 31, made of 100 appearances for Accrington Stanley before being sold to Blackpool, for a six-figure sum. He made thirty-one appearances for the Tangerines before moving to Rochdale, making twenty appearances. In 2008, he dropped out of the Football League into the Conference and joined Farsley Celtic. Farsley were relegated in the 2007/08 campaign he stayed with the club and played thirty-two games in Blue Square North last season for Celtic. Prendergast joined Blue Square North new boys Eastwood Town in August and then moved to UniBond League Premier Division side Bradford Park Avenue in October, but has now registered back in the Blue Square North with Ilkeston.

GARY RICKETTS Born Nottingham, 13 July 1975. Looked to have a fine career ahead of him at Nottingham Forest but a motoring accident appeared to end it before it had truly begun. Showed great character to fight back and become an excellent target man with a good touch and speed of thought with a proven track record at this level. Has played for a variety of non League clubs including Heanor Town, Arnold, Hucknall Town for whom he played in the 2004/05 FA Trophy final, Hinckley United, Nuneaton Borough and Tamworth. Signed for Ilkeston in June 2009.

LUKE WATERFALL Born Sheffield, 3 July 1990. Central defender signed from Tranmere Rovers in July 2009. Former Barnsley youth player who had a loan period at Altrincham while at Tranmere and has also had trials at Oxford United and York City in recent months. Will be looking to challenge Kieran Murphy and Charlie O'Loughlin for a place in the starting line up.

JAKE BEECROFT Young midfielder currently on loan with Ilkeston from Rushden & Diamonds.

JOSH BURGE Born Grimsby, July 1990. Former Grimsby Town youth team player of the year who had a trial at Aston Villa and attracted interest from Sheffield United and Sunderland while at Blundell Park. A highly promising midfielder who enjoys going forward, has a good shot, and is a dead ball expert. Offered the chance of a trial at Stockport County recently but opted to join The Robins instead.

DAVID COOMBES Fine shot stopping goalkeeper from Loughborough Universities, signed as cover for Dan Lowson in September 2009.

PAUL DEMPSEY Born Birkenhead, 3 December 1981. A former Sheffield United youth player who entered League football with Northampton Town and made 26 appearances. Although he frequently played at right back in his early days he is now better known as a tenacious central midfielder. After playing in New Zealand for Football Kingz he returned to the UK and can count Scarborough, Hucknall Town, Worksop Town where he was captain, and Wakefield among his former clubs. Another 2009 summer signing.

SAM DUNCUM Born Sheffield, 18 February 1987. Thrilling outside left with blistering pace he can take on defenders on both sides, cross with accuracy, and is capable of scoring fine goals although not as frequently as he would like. Very much a crowd favourite there are high expectations of him and he has the ability to play at a higher level. Joined Ilkeston from Rotherham United in May 2008 after a loan spell with York City. Has scored 4 goals in 57 appearances for the club.

LIAM GREEN Born Grimsby, 17 March 1988. Joined Ilkeston from Boston United in July 2009. Capable of playing at left back or midfield this talented player made 2 League appearances for Doncaster Rovers prior to his move to York Street.

Also had a spell at Burton Albion and will be pushing for a first team place this season.

DANNY HOLMES Born Burton, 17 November 1986. A former Port Vale trainee, he had been with his home town club Burton Albion for several years but was released upon their promotion to the Football League in May 2009. Several big non-League clubs, including Forest Green Rovers, Altrincham and Tamworth, were interested in signing him so it was quite a coup for The Robins when they signed him. Impressive in midfield big things are expected of him.

NEAL HOOKS re joined the Robins for his second spell at the club this season having returned to England after playing for Sunshine George Cross from Melbourne. Who play in the Victoria Premier League. Originally with Scottish side Ross County, Hooks moved to England with Newcastle Blue Star before moving to Ilkeston in January 2009, going 'Down Under' a month or so later.

DAN LOWSON Born 4 February 1988. Goalkeeper formerly with Gretna who was with Newcastle Blue Star in 2008/09. A former England schoolboy trialist he is confident, a good organiser and an excellent shot stopper. Looks more than capable of being Chris Adamson's successor.


AARON MITCHELL Tall teenage defender currently on loan from Nottingham Forest.

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH Born Wolverhampton, 3 April 1989. Burst into the team with a glut of goals following his summer 2008 arrival before injury led to a loss of form. A fast and skilful forward who can play down the middle or out wide the summer break will hopefully have done him the power of good and a return to his best form is expected. Scored 11 goals in 53 appearances for Ilkeston last season and was previously on the books of Wolves and Crewe Alexandra before joining Stockport County where he made 1 League appearance.

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For the third time in eight days Mossley's refusal to know when they're beaten saw them rescue another game with a late goal.

The match started brightly with both sides trading early chances. The visitors were the first to try their luck when Chris Howarth's run across the edge of the Mossley box resulted in a shot that curled just over Peter Collinge's goal. This was followed moments later at the opposite end of the pitch by a Wakefield defender scooping a free-kick from Sam Walker off the goal line.

After this action heavy opening the game quickly settled into a pattern: Mossley pressing hard for a goal while Wakefield looked to hit their hosts on the break. And in the 44th minute it was a game plan that bore fruit for one team. Sadly though that team wasn't the Lilywhites.

An overly ambitious pass brought a promising Mossley attack to a sudden end and Wakefield quickly countered. Exploiting gaps in the defence they eventually worked the ball to **Jon Froggat** who, despite the best efforts of Collinge, got just enough power on his shot to see it trickle over the line and put his side ahead.

It was a goal that came somewhat against the run of play too. While it wasn't a half littered with chances, what few there were after that end-to-end opening had all fallen to the home side; Walker saw another free-kick prevented from reaching its target by a finger tip save from Wakefield keeper Zolna, who also performed acrobatics to stop Steve Settle finding the net with a clever lob.

Their lead should have been a very short one though. Within seconds of the match restarting Settle had the opportunity to draw the home side level from close range but he skied his effort high over the cross bar.

A rather sluggish start to the second half by Mossley allowed 'The Bears' to become the dominant side for the first time in the match and with it came numerous chances to sew the result up.

It was only after Wakefield spurned a glorious opportunity to double their lead though in the 67th minute - Howarth slicing the ball wide after a shot from Froggat had rebounded to him off the foot of the post - that Mossley stirred from their slumber and set about rescuing the game.



Steve Moore . . . scored the 83rd minute penalty for Mossley

Zolna however was proving to be a troublesome thorn in the Lilywhites attempts at restoring equality to the score line but with seven minutes left he was finally beaten. A nudge in **Steve Moore's** back by Wes Milne sent the Mossley man tumbling to the ground in the box and the felled forward picked himself up to fire home the resulting penalty.

In the closing minutes of the game Moore had a goal correctly disallowed for offside and another effort that had Zolna scurrying across his line to stop, but the score remained unchanged as the final whistle brought proceedings to a close.

Both sides will probably have cause to argue it was two points lost rather than one won but taking the whole of the ninety minutes into account, the draw was possibly the fairest outcome.

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