

The Club was formed on the 24th April 1949 at the Owd Tower Inn

in Radcliffe by Mr. Jack Pickford, and became members of the South East Lancashire Football League. After a short period In that league, We moved on to the Manchester League before gaining access to the Lancashire Football Combination in 1963. In 1972, success came, winning the League Cup and finishing third in the league. Two years later, the Club applied, and were accepted into, the Cheshire League, which subsequently became the North West Counties Football League The first season again brought success, when Radcliffe secured the Second Division championship, in front of a record, Stainton Crowd of 1,468. After one season in the 'first Division, we lifted the First Division championship and we then made the step up into the newly formed, Northern Premier League, now the Unibond League, where we have since after many years of consolidation in the league, and at times, fighting against relegation, season 1995-96 seen an upturn in the Club's fortunes, on and off the pitch. In that season the Club, for the first time in its history, reached the last 16 of the prestigious F A. Umbro Trophy, narrowly losing to Nationwide Conference side, Gateshead 1-2.

Under manager Kevin Glendon who has been at the club for over 15 years, the playing side has gone from strength to strength. Kevin is renowned for producing young players and selling them on, in total he has made £60,000 in selling players. In season 1996/1997 Kevin and the Boro team achieved its highest honour, in winning the Unibond First Division title by 2 points ahead of local rivals Leigh RMI. Unfortunately, our stay in the 'top flight' lasted only one season. Having sacrificed all our revenue on ground development, to allow us to be promoted, we left ourselves without resources to invest in quality players to stay in the division. Each year, since then, however, we have competed for promotion, finishing regularly in the top six. Missing out on promotion in season 1999/2000 when a win at home against eventual champions Accrington Stanley would

see us promoted again. After leading 2-0 with 15 minutes to go, Accrington did the unthinkable and came back to win the game 3-2 and Boro missed out on promotion.

Our best was saved for the Millennium year, in which, for the first time in the history of the Club, we reached the first round of the AXA sponsored F A.Cup. Although we lost 1-4 to York City, played at Gigg Lane, the home of Bury F C. and in front of a record crowd of 2,495 - what a fabulous day it was for everyone connected with the Club. A true measure of the progress made in such a short time.

Boro again missed out on promotion in season 2001/2002 when after leading the division until February a poor run to the end of the season, meant that the club entered the newly formed

play-offs losing to Bamber Bridge in the semi's

at Irongate.
2002-2003 was a great year for Boro, missing out on the championship by two points to Alfreton Town, we had a fantastic run in the FA Cup when we reached the 4th Qualifying round losing to Conference giants Chester City in front of 1138 at Stainton Park. Promotion was finally won thanks to the play-offs by beating North Ferriby United in the semi final and Chorley in the final at Stainton Park. Boro legend Jody Banim got 46 goals in what was an unbelievable

season for him.

With Boro back in the UniBond Premier Division and a place in the newly formed Conference North League up for grabs, in which we had to finish in the top 13, that was obviously the aim. By November Boro were as high as sixth thanks to the 22 goals of Jody Banim who set an English record by scoring in 14 concecutive games. Boro sold Banim to Conference promotion chasers Shrewsbury Town for a record fee of £20,000 in December 2003, and without his goals we slid down the table eventually finishing 19th and into the playoffs beating Whitby Town on pens 8-7 in the quarter finals, before bowing out to Burscough in the semi finals at home.

BORO'

Andy Johnson (Goalkeeper)
Andy was an integral part of the
Boro championship side of 1997.
Moved to Ashton Utd in 1999
where he served for a number of
years whilst moving through the
ranks to assistant manager and
finally manager. Andy has now
returned to the Boro as cover
and coach for Danny Hurst.
Additionally Andy will also have
role scrutinesing the Merseyside
talent and opposition,

Lee Duffy (24, Wing Back)
Lee joined the club from
Rochdale in April 2004 and
immediately became a fans
favourite with his jinking runs
down the wing. Lee has had
spells with Rossendale United
and Halifax Town, and looks to
have a bright future in the game.

Tony Whealing (30, Wing Back) Tony re-joined the club last season after a year with Stalybridge Celtic. He had been an almost ever present with the 'Boro' for the previous five seasons, and has now played over 300 games from the club. Started his career with Blackburn Rovers, with whom he gained European Cup experience, and moved to Leigh RMI before settling here.

2006 after impressing in the preseason friendlies. At only 22 he has vast experience of league football will be an important player for Boro this season.

Martyn Forrest (28, Midfield) Martyn started his career at Burand completed seven seasons there. Moved into non-league football after being released by Bury and had experience at Leigh, Droylsden and Leek before settling at 'Boro', he

Simon Kelly (28, Defender) Simon is club captain is now in his eighth season with the club, having graduated through the youth and reserve teams. A classy central defender who can also occupy a midfield role, his consistency has made him a great favourite with the fans and playing colleagues alike.

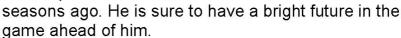
lan Kearney (19, Defender)
Ian signed from Clitheroe along
with striker Tony Evans in
February 2006. Made his debut
as a substitute at Ossett Town in

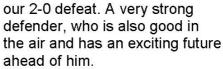
March 2000, making around 5
League appearances. Switcher
to Shrewsbury Town in July
2003 however, following the
Shrews' return to the Football

one to watch Matty O'NEILL

(22, Midfield)

Matty was originally a loan signing from Accrington Stanley but his impressive ball control and speedy attacking play led to a permanent return midway through last season 2006. Previously with Burnley, for whom he was a regular first team squad member two





Scott Warner (22, Midfield)
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last season after coming through
the Centre of Excellence at
Spotland. Joined Boro in July
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Martyn Forrest (28, Midfield) Martyn started his career at Bury and completed seven seasons there. Moved into non-league Bury and had experience at Leigh, Droylsden and Leek before settling at 'Boro', he regained his fitness and form to play a major role in the midfield. lan Fitzpatrick (Midfield) Signed on a one month's loan deal from Conference North side Droylsden in September 2006. Ian started his career with Manchester United and then had a spell in Germany with FC Fortune before joining Halifax in March 2000, making around 50 League appearances. Switched to Shrewsbury Town in July 2003 however, following the

League, Ian joined Leigh RMI in August 2004. He then had a brief spell with Northwich Victoria before joining Droylsden in November 2004. Signed permanently on Thursday 2nd November for an undisclosed four figure fee after impressing in his one month loan.

Haydn Eames (23, Midfield)
Haydn is 23 years of age and signed for the 'Boro' from
Trafford FC, where he has spent the last two seasons gaining experience of non-league football, after being with Manchester United as a schoolboy and subsequently playing for Stockport County.
Haydn plays in midfield and will be a valuable addition to our squad.

Lee Hendley Lee joined Boro in January 2007 after leaving Altrincham where he progressed through the youth and reserve teams.

Jamie Miller (28, Forward)
Jamie has been out of the game
for the last year with injuries but
is now back in full training and
ready to resume his playing
career. Signed from Ashton
United in December 2005, he
made his debut against his old
side on Boxing Day that year.





Head to Head - Mossley vs Radcliffe Borough

UniBond League Premier Division W 3-1 2006-07 Wright-2, Knight **UniBond League Division One** 1993-94 W 1-0 W 4-2 O'Connell-2, Heywood-2 Hulme 1994-95 L 0-1 L 0-1 **Cheshire County League** 1971-72 W 2-1 Mason, B.Birtwistle W 3-0 G.Birtwistle-3 Manchester FA Premier Cup 2004-05 H L 0-2 (2nd Round) Manchester FA Senior Cup 1972-73 H L 2-3 Seddon, B.Birtwistle (Semi Final) Manchester FA Intermediate Cup G.Birtwistle (2nd Round) W 2-1 1967-68 D 1-1 Batty, G.Birtwistle, Lyon (replay) 1969-70 L 1-2 Anderson (1st Round)

P-12 W-6 D-1 L-5 F-19 A-15

THE LAST TIME WE MET

26th September 2006 Radcliffe Borough 1 Mossley 3

Radcliffe scorer: Kearney Mossley scorers:- Wright-2, Knight

Mossley gave possibly their best performance of the season so far to take maximum points from 'derby' rivals Radcliffe Borough at the Inn2Gether Stadium.

Lining up with a 4-3-3 formation in the first half the Lilywhites were swift out of the blocks and dominated the early exchanges before taking a sixth minute lead. Knight and Bingham combining well before Joe Shaw's angled run saw a fierce right wing cross blasted home from close range by the very lively Peter Wright for his first Mossley goal.

Radcliffe finally found some fluency and for a spell both sides passed the ball really well without creating clear chances. Radcliffe found an equaliser in the 16th minute though. The home side won a right wing corner. Whealing's powerful flag kick was headed clear but back to him and his second cross was powerfully headed home by central defender lan Kearney.

The game ebbed and flowed at a high tempo but defences dominated the remainder of the half although Forrest hit the woodwork for Radcliffe.

The second half saw Mossley switch back to the more familiar 4-4-2 and the Mossley front two - Wright and Bingham were a constant menace with their pace and skill. At the other end Radcliffe's approach play was neat and accurate but lacked any kind of cutting edge with former Mossley top scorer Chris Downey becoming a more isolated figure as Mossley looked the more likely to score and so it proved.

A brilliant piece of skill and movement involving Shaw, Bingham and Wright saw Mossley earn a corner on the left. Shaw's flag kick was headed home very powerfully by the onrushing Melford Knight.

The points were wrapped up five minutes later. Steve Burke, who had replaced Bingham moments, earlier chased and harassed keeper Hurst and partially blocked his clearance. The ball fell for Christian Cooke who was brought down by Warner. Peter Wright purposefully claimed the ball and deemed himself to be Mossley's new penalty taker by blasting the ball into the roof of the net from the spot.

The large Mossley contingent in the crowd responded to the players at the final whistle and that applause was reciprocated by a Mossley team that certainly had a point to prove after recent disappointments.

Radcliffe: Hurst, Duffy, Whealing, Kelly, Kearney, Warner, Wilson, Forrest, O'Neill, Downey, Heald. Subs: Fisher, Eames, Hill.

Mossley: Trueman, Thackeray, Edwards, Bowker, White, Furnival, Cooke, Knight, Wright, Bingham, Shaw, Subs: Dawson, Burke, Thompson.

www.mossleyweb.com

Heald & Downey leave the Boro

Radcliffe Borough have announced they have released winger Andy Heald, and also forward Chris Downey, has left the club due to work reasons. After some disappointing results the club have decided to change some personnel in the hope of producing the results needed for the remaining 11 games of the season.

Manager Andy Johnston said, "It is never easy to part company with any player, especially a player such as Andy who has a fabulous attitude and work ethic. To be fair to the club we have been very loyal over the past two seasons and in general our turnover of players is probably the least in the league as a whole by a long, long way. However we felt the time was right to try and shake up the playing side and try and create a winning team and especially to look forward and unfortunately to bring players gradually in we have to create space for them by releasing players, we have tried a few formations to fit in the current players we have and have been very patient but the performances just have not been there and therefore as a club we have to have one eye on the future and look further ahead and at the current time as they say have one last role of the dice in our attempts to avoid relegation."

Andy Heald joined the club back in the summer of 2004 and his time at the club has been dogged by a number of unfortunate injuries which have not helped him provide the consistency he and the club wanted. He played 66 games in just over two and a half years for the club and was substitute on a further 15 occasions scoring 5 goals, "Andy is more frustrated than anyone and no doubt his injuries have not helped him produce the consistent performances he demands of himself let alone what were looking for. He is a tremendous character on and off the pitch and as with all the players at the club his attitude has always been first class and it is always difficult in moving on a player like Andy, as with all the players we wish him well - and his family who were always supportive of him - in the future both on and off the pitch and he will always be made welcome at the Inn2Gether stadium." said the 'Boro' boss.

Chris Downey has had to put football on the back burner whilst he concentrates on his business which has taken more and more of his time recently. He joined the club back in August 2006 from Mossley but he has been unable to produce the goalscoring form he had at Mossley when he was their top goalscorer in the UniBond 1st division last season. He played in 17 games for the club and was substitute in a further 3 games scoring 6 goals, his best performance was against Bamber Bridge from the 1st division in the UniBond League Cup where he scored a hat trick but only managed 3 further goals in the other 16 competitive games and manager Johnston said, "It has not happened for Chris at the moment in terms of goals and he has had a lot of pressure from his work commitments which I am sure has not helped him in his quest to settle down at the club and produce the performances and goals we still believe he can do. I am hoping the break will allow him to organise himself at work and he can return with a more focused look towards his football, he has shown tremendous character whilst he has been at the club and hopefully the break will provide the platform for a future return, the time scale we will leave to Chris and of course we will help him all we can"

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	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
1 AFC Telford United	29	18	9	2	54	21	33	63
2 Hednesford Town	28	16	7	5	38	24	14	55
3 Marine	29	15	6	8	46	36	10	51
4 Guiseley	30	14	7	9	47	33	14	49
5 Witton Albion	25	14	6	5	57	31	26	48
6 Matlock Town	26	14	6	6	47	27	20	48
7 Whitby Town	28	15	3	10	45	42	3	48
8 Burscough	27	13	7	7	50	27	23	46
9 Lincoln United	31	11	9	11	28	41	-13	42
10 Ilkeston Town	29	11	8	10	44	41	3	41
11 Prescot Cables	31	10	10	11	41	41	0	40
12 Ossett Town	29	11	7	11	43	44	-1	40
13 Frickley Athletic	32	10	8	14	40	51	-11	38
14 Gateshead	27	9	9	9	45	42	3	36
15 Fleetwood Town	24	10	5	9	42	39	3	35
16 North Ferriby United	29	9	8	12	39	48	-9	35
17 Ashton United	29	8	7	14	36	52	-16	31
18 Kendal Town	30	7	9	14	40	62	-22	30
19 Radcliffe Borough	31	5	10	16	30	50	-20	25
20 Mossley	29	6	5	18	36	53	-17	23
21 Leek Town	28	6	5	17	25	44	-19	23
22 Grantham Town	27	3	7	17	26	50	-24	16

LEADING GOALSCORERS 2006/07

		Lge	Cup	Total
Ciaran Kilheeney	Burscough (inc. 9 for Ashton United)	18	6	24
David Southern	Gateshead	17	4	21
Danny Brunskill	Whitby Town	15	6	21
Peter Cumiskey	Marine	14	7	21
Gary Bradshaw	North Ferriby United	10	10	20
lan Holmes	Matlock Town	15	4	19
Adam Muller	Ilkeston Town	17	1	18
Adam Warlow	Witton Albion	13	5	18
Steve Foster	AFC Telford United	15	2	17
Rob Pell	Guiseley (inc. 10 for Frickley Athletic)	15	2	17
Andy Hayward	Ossett Town	13	2	16
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'Goal-less against Cables'

Mossley 0 Prescot Cables 0

Match report courtesy www.mossleyweb.com

Team:

- 1. Danny Trueman
- 2. Nicky Thompson
- 3. Joel Pilkington
- 4. David Eyres
- 5. Steve Sheil
- 6. Jonathon Smith
- 7. Joe Shaw
- 8. Melford Knight (c)
- 9. Alex Taylor
- 10. Will Ryder
- 11. James Turley
- 12. Gary Furnival (not used)
- **14. Steve Burke** (for Shaw 45 mins)
- **15. Fraser Robinson** (not used)

After playing second fiddle to Prescot Cables for much of the first half Mossley were unfortunate not to take maximum points from this goalless draw at Seel Park.

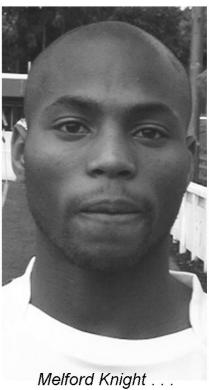
Prescot dominated the opening half but were unable to make the breakthrough, thanks to some solid defending and some wayward finishing by the visitors. In the experienced Karl Connolly Prescot had an excellent play maker and the contest between him and Mossley's David Eyres was an intriguing one.

As it was, despite Mossley conceding a lot of first half possession, it was the

Lilywhites who came the closest to breaking the deadlock. Firstly when a wayward clearance by the otherwise impeccable Prescot keeper McMahon found Eyres who's forty yard shot went agonizingly close to the right hand post and then on the stroke of half time when the ball broke to Joe Shaw following a Mossley corner but his slightly miss-hit effort was saved by McMahon at the second attempt.

If Mossley were under the cosh in the first period it was a case of role reversal after the interval as Mossley made most of the running and spurned a couple of gilt-edged chances. The main culprit in that department was Steve Burke, a half time replacement for the injured Shaw, who twice fired wide when finding himself in goalscoring positions.

The main point of contention came just after the hour when Mossley won a right wing corner. Eyres fine delivery was headed powerfully home by in the onrushing Melford Knight only for the referee to deem an infringement to have taken place as the corner was taken and the goal was ruled out.



Melford Knight . . . goal disallowed

Danny Trueman, in for the unavailable Steve Wilson, then made a fine save to deny Connolly and he gave a generally sound display between the sticks for Mossley.

The final drama came in the last minute when a Stannard effort hit Jonathon Smith on the arm from point blank range just outside the Mossley box and the Lilywhites faithful were relieved to see Connolly's free kick curl wide of the right hand upright and the game finished goalless.

MOSSLEY		RADCLIFFE BOROUGH					
White & Black		Blue & White					
1	Steve Wilson			Tim Dittmar			
2	Nicky Thompson			Lee Duffy			
3	Will Ryder			Tony Whealing			
4	David Eyres			Simon Kelly			
5	Steve Sheil		5	lan Kearney			
6	Jonathon Smith (c)			Paul McGuire			
7	Joe Shaw			Scott Wilson			
8	Melford Knight			Martyn Forrest			
9	Alex Taylor			Matty O'Neill			
10	Clive Moyo-Modise			lan Fitzpatrick			
11	James Turley			Lee Hendley			
12	Gary Furnival			Scott Warner			
14	Joel Pilkington		14	Haydn Eames			
15	Steve Burke		15	Jamie Miller			
Manager: Jason Beckford			Andy Johnston				
Assistant: John Murphy							
Referee: Mr C. Barker (Guiseley)							
Referee's Assistants: Mr N. Kellett (Bradford)							
Mr C. Morris (Meltham)							

NEXT GAME AT SEEL PARK
Saturday 17th February 2007
Kick off 3.00 p.m.
MOSSLEY v NORTH FERRIBY UNITED
UniBond League Premier Division

Welcome to Seel Park . . .

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our old friends and neighbours Radcliffe Borough for what is a vital match for both sides as Mossley and Radcliffe battle to escape the UniBond Premier drop zone.

We will be hoping to complete the double over Boiro having won 3-1 at the Inn2gether Stadium back in September.

Last Saturday the Lilywhites were held to a goalless draw by Prescot Cables and on balance were unlucky not to win as Melford Knight's disallowed goal appeared a harsh decision.

We went into the game against Cables without keeper Steve Wilson who's wife was taken ill and we hope that everything has turned out alright for Steve who has been impressive in his displays for Mossley so far. The game therefore saw a recall for Danny Trueman who had a solid game and kept a clean sheet to-boot. Steve's return will allow Danny to play on loan for Oldham Town today.

Joe Shaw was replaced at half with an ankle knock but he should be okay for

today while Christian Cooke's groin problem is still a cause for concern.

During the week

we have made a further loan signing and welcome striker Clive Moyo-Modise on a one month deal from League Two Rochdale. A profile on Clive is to be found elsewhere in this programme.

We are at the time of writing still awaiting International clearance for Paul Murphy but hopefully that will be resolved sooner rather than later.

Meanwhile, Peter Wright's sudden departure to Kendal Town is under scrutiny and the possible illegal approach to Mossley's leading scorer has been reported to the FA, the Cumbrian FA and the UniBond League.

Next Saturday we are again in action at Seel Park as North Ferriby United provide the opposition with a 3.00 pm kick off.

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Mossley AFC 150 CLUB DRAW January winners

1st prize #31 E. Broderick £60 Deborah Griffin £30 2nd prize # 12 3rd prize #11 Paul Jackson £20

Front cover picture courtesy of Andy Whitehead Photography



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RESULTS

Saturday, 3rd February 2007

Fleetwood Town 1-0 Gateshead Grantham Town 0-0 Frickley Athletic Guiseley 2-1 Kendal Town Leek Town 2-1 Hednesford Town Matlock Town 2-1 AFC Telford United

Mossley 0-0 Prescot Cables

North Ferriby United 3-0 Ashton United Ossett Town 1-2 Ilkeston Town Radcliffe Borough 3-3 Lincoln United Whitby Town 1-0 Burscough Witton Albion 5-2 Marine

FIXTURES

Saturday, 10th February 2007

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

Mossley v Radcliffe Borough

North Ferriby United v Burscough

UniBond League Cup Quarter Finals

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

Woodley Sports v Harrogate Railway Ath.

UniBond League Chairmans Cup Quarter Finals

Alsager Town v Cammell Laird

ASHTON UNITED v Rossendale United GUISELEY v Ossett Albion

UniBond League Presidents Cup Semi Finals

MATLOCK TOWN / Gresley R v Wakefield

Buxton v Stocksbridge Park Steels

Saturday, 17 February 2007

Ashton United v Grantham Town
Burscough v Frickley Athletic
Guiseley v Witton Albion
Hednesford Town v Radcliffe Borough

Ilkeston Town v Gateshead Lincoln United v Fleetwood Town

Marine v Matlock Town

Mossley v North Ferriby United

Ossett Town v Kendal Town Whitby Town v Leek Town

Monday, 19th February 2007

UniBond League Chairmans Cup QF

Ashton United v Rossendale United

Tuesday, 20th February 2007

Matlock Town v Fleetwood Town North Ferriby United v Ossett Town Witton Albion v Hednesford Town

Saturday, 24th February 2007

AFC Telford United v Lincoln United

Fleetwood Town v Mossley

Frickley Athletic v Matlock Town

Gateshead v Ossett Town

Hednesford Town v Guiseley

Kendal Town v Burscough

Marine v Grantham Town

Prescot Cables v Ilkeston Town

Radcliffe Borough v North Ferriby United

Witton Albion v Whitby Town

Tuesday, 27th February 2007

Fleetwood Town v Witton Albion Grantham Town v Matlock Town

Saturday, 3 March 2007

AFC Telford United v Kendal Town Ashton United v Witton Albion

Burscough v Gateshead

Guiseley v Lincoln United

Ilkeston Town v Fleetwood Town

Leek Town v Grantham Town

Matlock Town v Prescot Cables

Mossley v Marine

North Ferriby United v Hednesford Town

Whitby Town v Radcliffe Borough

MOSSLEY LAND ROCHDALE STRIKER ON LOAN

Mossley have signed Rochdale striker Clive Moyo-Modise on a one month loan deal from League Two side Rochdale ahead of today's home fixture against Rad-

cliffe Borough.

Clive Moyo-Modise (born September 20, 1987 in London) is an English-South African striker.

Clive scored the first senior professional goal of his career against Darlington FC on the 6th October, 2006. He scored the fifth goal in a game Rochdale won 5-0 at Darlington.

In early November, Clive was called up to the South African under-21's side, but had to pull put of the squad due to a hamstring injury. Although born in England, Clive qualifies internationally for South Africa due to his parents.

Clive is an attacking player who has come through the ranks at Spotland. Still only 19 he's already made the breakthrough into the first team, making his debut away at Darlington in August 2005, and he's become a regular member of the first team squad. He can be used as an out and out striker or out wide on either wing.

There are high hopes for the future of Clive, as he's proved to be a real talent both at youth and reserve team level, and he's impressed many when given a shout in the first team. His first start for the club came in a dismal home performance against Stockport where

Clive's display was just about the only crumb of comfort on an otherwise dreadful day.

Clive also has the distinct honour of being a Rochdale player whose winning goal has secured a trophy for the club. It was his goal which won the Lancashire Cup for the Dale youth side against Bury in May 2005.

THE NEXT MOSSLEY AFC SUPPORTERS MEETING

is on

Thursday 22nd February 2007 — 8.00 pm

Mossley AFC Social Club
Seel Park

Action from Mossley vs Prescot Cables

Pics courtesy of http://sixtamesides.blogspot.com/





Stuffed like.. An Editors Memory

Well done on the excellent Mossleyweb site - even though it's a while since I saw a game at Seel Park and many years since I was a regular, I still log on 2 or 3 times a week to get the latest news though I always go to other sites to get the score at 4.45 (alcohol fuelled post match debate from Orpheus).

Back in the day when there was no internet and really the only source of information was the official club programme, I had had a go at editing the Mossley programme for a couple of seasons in the early 90's, but always felt restricted by the 'toe the line' approach. Some older supporters will remember a rant I had in a programme for a game against Gainsborough in about 1991 (the only time I had to seek clearance from the club before printing).

Those of you who remember myself as a regular will know I also used to be at Maine Road quite a bit and on visits there always bought 'King of the Kippax', a fanzine that was bright, fresh and funny. The fanzine scene was growing so why not a Mossley version? Drunken chats in social clubs discussing the latest Mossley embarrassment, of course this was the time of Chairman Roger Finn and his Manager of the Season awards, brought about the idea. I was lucky as I had access to a photocopier (well about 50 of them, again if you know me you'll know what I'm saying), and knew Smiffy the literary equivalent of Stuart Hall. But even Michael Schumacher needs a pit crew so to complete our ensemble we enlisted Damien who was our distribution executive i.e. he sold the things.

Credit for the fanzine name 'Stuffed like a Turkey' came from Colin Broadbent again courtesy of a drunken post mortem in the social club. Its all a bit of a haze now and I cant actually remember how the fanzine came about but myself and Smiffy wrote things independently of each other and then threw the thing together ready for sale a week or so later. Again its something to state that these were as important a time for Mossley as the late 80's as we were in serious danger of losing our Northern Premier League top division status, many old school supporters regarded our position there as sacrosanct and a fall in status was unthinkable.

Mostly forgotten but one of mine, Mike and Damiens reasons for doing the fanzine was that money from sales would go to the club by sponsoring the match ball for I think about £50 a time, though the most we would raise would be £35 and the club accepted this (probably paid Rod Bates wages). Old Victor Meldrew types claimed we spent all the money from sales on beers, strange I didn't see them putting any money into the club other than their gate money. Really how much money did we make when we sold them at 50p a time? I have however seen one of the copies on eBay recently for sale at £1 (proves you can sell any old s***e on there).

I think an interesting aspect of the writing was its extremely contemporary style. Smiffy would write of Lady Diana secret tapes, I would write of American siege dramas, all written with a Mossley slant. I always viewed Smiffy as the master with myself as the Sorcerers apprentice. Perhaps some of the stuff was naïve but I look back and I was only 22 or 23 with no formal education. My proudest piece was 'Bobs Not Taking Us to Wembley', a surreal account of a dimwit who believed that Bob Murphy himself was taking every supporter man woman and child personally to Wembley.

Other editions followed 'Stuffed like a Valentine;', 'Stuffed like an Easter Bunny' and then a mysterious contributor joined us. Known only as the Shadow, he possessed an unerring knowledge of the insides of the dressing room bringing blockbusting bombshells from the inner sanctums of Seel Park. In reality it was one of the players, a particularly uninspiring but marvellously optimistic centre forward named Darren Lenton. You know you've made it as a fanzine when the Park End chanted 'Shadow, Shadow' and Darren would draw his arm around in a sweeping cloak gesture. In away programmes the Pen pics would list Lenton as the 'Shadow'.

With the team sliding out of the Northern Premier League in record breaking style, it came to our last game of the season at Leek Town, our farewell to the top division of Unibond football. We brought out a special 'Stuffed like a relegation party' edition for the day, I also remember we hired a mini bus and made our way to deepest Staffs. I think many Lilywhites supporters were socially relaxed but a great day was had by all, we gained a respectable 3-3 draw with our striker, Joe Jarrett getting a hat trick and getting his jaw almost removed by a hideously malicious elbow. So we were down and a silly disco ensued in the Harrison Park clubhouse. Though not knowing it at the time our fanzine had reached its zenith

So we soldiered on for a while but an enforced move for myself to West Yorkshire meant I no longer had the time to be a regular and the fanzine folded. After that a move to the East Midlands, then onto Australia, Spain, Turkey, Cyprus and 18 months in India I ceased to become even an occasional visitor to Seel Park. Nowadays living in Norwich, I always stick Sky Sports News on at 4.40 to see our result on the Printer and go full circle and check out Mossleyweb on the Sunday.

Julian Thomas



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MOSSLEY AFC FIXTURES & RESULTS 2006-07

Date	Opponents	Venue	Comp	Result	Att	Scorers
Aug 19	Ilkeston Town	Home	ULPD	L 2-3	230	Bingham-2
Aug 22	Marine	Away	ULPD	L 0-1	249	birigilarii-2
3 27	Grantham Town	-	ULPD	W 2-1	264	Allican Thankaray
Aug 26		Away	ULPD			Allison, Thackeray
Aug 28	Burscough	Home		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		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	u=
Jan 6	Lincoln United	Away	ULPD	L 0-2	140	1-
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 10	Radcliffe Borough	Home	ULPD			
Feb 17	North Ferriby United	Home	ULPD			
Feb 24	Fleetwood Town	Away	ULPD			40
Mar 3	Marine	Home	ULPD			***
Mar 6	Leek Town	Home	ULPD		04	MOSSLE
Mar 13	Gateshead	Home	ULPD			AFC
Mar 24	Guiseley	Away	ULPD		6	
Mar 31	Grantham Town	Home	ULPD		4-	
Apr 6	Fleetwood Town	Home	ULPD		á	HE LILYWHITES
Apr 9	Kendal Town	Away	ULPD		T.	
Apr 14	Witton Albion	Away	ULPD		M	FLORET QUI LABORAT
Apr 21	Ossett Town	Home	ULPD			507 1003
Apr 28	Gateshead	Away	ULPD		•	EST. 1903
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Mossley AFC 2006/07 Appearances & Goals	2006/07 Apps		06/07 Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals	Previous club
Steve BURKE	12+11	(1)	2	23	2	Bury
Christian COOKE	19+7	(4)	0	49	0	Macclesfield Town
David EYRES	16		5	16	5	Hyde United
Gary FURNIVAL	23+1	(2)	1	24	1	Witton Albion
Melford KNIGHT	28+3		5	94	15	Woodley Sports
Clive MOYO-MODISE	0		0	0	0	Rochdale (loan)
Paul MURPHY	0		0	3	0	Bray Wanderers (N.Ire)
Joel PILKINGTON	25+2	(1)	0	66	2	Hyde United
Fraser ROBINSON	5+3	(2)	0	8	0	Rochedale Rovers (Aus)
Will RYDER	7	(1)	0	7	0	Ossett Town
Joe SHAW	23+5		4	71	9	Huddersfield Town
Steve SHEIL	17+4	(3)	1	172	19	Flixton
Jonathon SMITH	9		0	9	0	Barrow
Nicky THOMPSON	15+3	(4)	1	57	1	Bury
Danny TRUEMAN	29		0	29	0	Bradford Park Ave
Alex TAYLOR	2		0	2	0	Barrow (loan)
James TURLEY	14+2		5	16	5	Stalybridge Celtic
Steve WILSON	5		0	5	0	Worksop Town
Peter WRIGHT	20+5		9	25	9	Chorley
own goals			2			
Max poss appearances	<u>35</u>					
Total Goals			<u>46</u>			
also played						<u>now with</u>
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
Paul CHALLINOR	0	(2)	0	55	5	unattached
Rob DAWSON	3+3	(4)	0	6	0	Trafford
Chris DOWNEY	1+1		0	101	53	Radcliffe Borough
Rob EDWARDS	9+2		0	11	0	retired
Chris EVANS	3		0	3	0	?
Mike FLYNN	4		0	4	0	Hyde United *
Paul GARVEY	2+2		0	17	3	Curzon Ashton
Conor LYNCH	0	(2)	0	0	0	Trafford
Marvin McDONALD	4+2		0	6	0	Macclesfield Town *
Danny MEADOWCROFT	5		0	86	3	Morecambe *
Kenny MAYERS	6+2	,	0	8	0	Chorley
Adie ORR	1+3	(1)	0	4	0	unavailable
Lee SHILLITO	12+6		1	18	1	?
Andy THACKERAY	14+2	(1)	1	73	4	retired
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

^{*} returned after loan spells