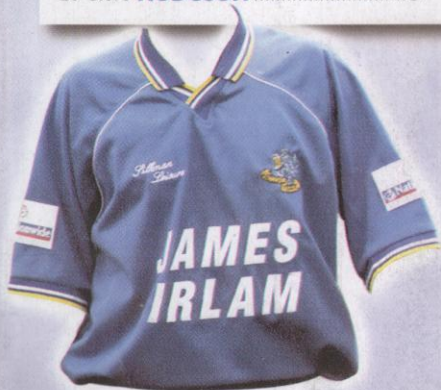


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A message from the hot seat...

WE'RE all set to go!

I've been very pleased at the work the lads have put in pre-season and the reward, with the level of fitness and good football played, has been there for all to see.

But you win no points from pre-season games and now we face a difficult opening to our League programme against Swansea City this afternoon and at Rochdale next Saturday.

The Third Division this season promises to be stronger than ever, with more money being spent during the summer months than I can remember previously.

But with that bit of luck you need to succeed I feel confident that we will do well in the months ahead.

Stern test

Swansea will be a stern test as, having dropped a division after just one season in the Second, they will be desperate for an immediate return. A strong defence, practically unchanged, held them in good stead two seasons ago when they deservedly carried off the Championship and the few additions they have made could make a good side even stronger.

Our performance against Tranmere Rovers was excellent and the way we won the game against a strong Merseyside team, which has knocked over one or two of the Big Boys in the last couple of years, was particularly pleasing.

Bury last Saturday presented us with a few

different problems. They are a physically strong but fair team who employ a system we do not come across too often.

But we were never intimidated and, in fact, we often looked the better side, from the higher division and could have won the match.

I thought Kyle's turn and shot from 25 yards in the first half was pure class and he was unlucky to be denied when the Bury 'keeper tipped the ball onto the crossbar.

Kyle has added an extra dimension to our play up front and once the lads get used to a lot of his crafty touches and good positional play he should spell extra danger to our opponents.

Generally pleased

I have been generally pleased by the work and attitude of all our new players. They have fitted in well and the spirit within the camp is first class.

Richard Eyre and Andy McAvey were due to sign contracts earlier this week, as were 'keepers Steve Wilson and Steve Hodgson.

Eyre'sy and Andy have shown us what they can do as hard-working widemen up front, while Willow is safe and sure in all he does and will be the ideal back-up to Lee Martin.

Young Hodg begins the season on loan at Nuneaton Borough and ex-Silkman Scottie Burr, in charge at the Conference club, was pleased with his performance against Stafford Rangers. I see they drew 1-1 with

'They have fitted in well and the spirit within the camp is first class'

Kidderminster last Saturday, so he cannot have done too badly against them either.

Chris Priest missed our last two friendly matches through injury. He got a knock on his ankle in training and it was a little swollen. We have been keeping an eye on the situation and did not want to risk a key player and force him to miss more important games than necessary.

Welcome

Finally, a welcome to John Hollins and everyone from Swansea. Like all of us in the lower divisions, John works really hard and masterminded the team's success two years ago.

I wish him well and that the Swans have a successful season, but no doubt they will

understand if I say I hope they have to wait seven days for their first points.

Everybody enjoy the game and a



safe journey home afterwards.

Gil

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the swans



season, we begin our
fiducians with a visit from
freshly relegated
opponents.

WE'VE MET BEFORE
SWANSEA CITY last
visited Macc on Saturday,
August 21, 1999, and won
2-1 on their way to the
Third Division
Championship.

After a goalless first half,
the Swans' former
Newcastle United trainee,
Richie Appleby, broke the
deadlock on the hour, just
eight minutes after coming
on as substitute, with an
inspired 20-yard scissors
kick which took everybody
by surprise.

Appleby scored again five
minutes from time and
John Askey was on the spot to grab our
consolation goal virtually on time.

The teams were:

MACC: Price, Abbey, Collins (Brown),
Tinson, Riach, Durkin (Whitehead), Wood,
Priest, Askey, Whitaker (Tomlinson). Subs.
not used: Sedgemore, Davies.

SWANSEA: Freestone, O'Leary, Cusack,
Smith, Bound, Price, Roberts (Appleby),
Thomas, Watkin, Bird, Howard. Subs. not
used: Alop, Coates, J. Jones.

● Jamaican international Walter Boyd
scored the only goal of the game when the
two sides met at The Vetch during the
following January.

The Silkmen did host the Welsh side 3-0
at the Moss during our first season in the
League in September, 1997, with Mark
Gardiner, Nathan Peel and John Askey
scoring our goals.

CONSIDERING that a list of former
Swansea players represents virtually
a Welsh A-Z it is surprising that the
Swans, who changed their name
from Town to City in 1970, have spent
only two seasons in the top division
in the early 'Eighties.

Roy Paul left the valleys to lead
Manchester City to their FA Cup triumph in
1956, while when Wales qualified for the
World Cup Finals in Sweden two years later
their squad was littered with current and
former Swansea players.

At centre-half was Mel Charles; Ivor
Allchurch, the Swans' most "capped" player
soon to join Newcastle United, was a
brilliant ball-playing inside-forward, while
wing twins Terry Madwin and Cliff Jones had
recently moved on to Spurs.

In 1981 Swansea finished third in the
Second Division to win promotion and
when Wales played Iceland in a World Cup

qualifying game in October of that year, at
The Vetch, there were no fewer than six
Swansea players in the home team - Dai
Davies in goal, John Mahoney, Jeremy
Charles, Alan Curtis, Loggion and Robbie
James. Robbie James and Curtis scored in a
2-2 draw.

Coming more up to date, the Swans twice
made the Third Division play-offs in 1997
and 99, only to miss out on each occasion,
first at the hands of Scunthorpe United after
extra time at the semi-final stage and then,
after beating Chester City 3-0 at The Vetch
to reach Wembley, going down to John
Frain's last-minute free-kick for
Northampton Town.

Two seasons ago Swansea conceded only
30 goals in 46 games, to pip Rotherham
United by one point to the Championship,
but sadly, unlike the twice-promoted Millers,
they have travelled in the opposite direction
and this afternoon, for the third successive

the swans



I'M IN CHARGE

JOHN HOLLINS, M.B.E., was appointed Manager of Swansea City in July, 1998.

Mr. Hollins enjoyed a marvellous playing career stretching over 800 games at the top flight, mainly as a wing-half at Chelsea. He had two spells at Stamford Bridge, either side of stints at Q.P.R. and Arsenal.

Mr. Hollins was an F.A. and League Cup winner at Chelsea and later managed the club between 1985/88.

He won one full "cap" for England against Spain at Wembley in May, 1967, a game which the then World Champions won 2-0 with goals from Jimmy Greaves and Roger Hunt.



GOALKEEPERS

ROGER FREESTONE - An institution in the Swansea nets who celebrates a well-earned Testimonial this season after 534 games. A Second Division winner with Chelsea, Freestone helped the Swans win the Autoglass Trophy in 1994 and was an ever-present in the team which won the Third Division Championship two seasons ago, when he conceded only 30 goals in 46 League games and kept 22 clean sheets. Freestone played for Wales against Brazil at Cardiff in 2000 and has regularly been a member of the international squad.

JASON JONES - A Welsh U21 international who joined from Liverpool in 1997 and begins his third season as a most capable deputy for Freestone.

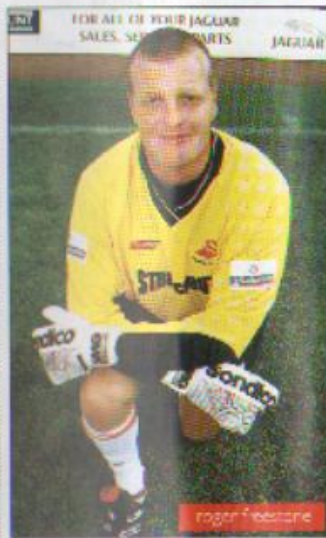
DEFENDERS

MATTHEW BOUND - Combined with Jason Smith to form a rocklike central partnership upon which the Swans' Championship success was based. Former Southampton trainee who went to The Vetch from Stockport County in 1997. Misses this afternoon's game through suspension.

LEIGH DE-VULGT - Young former Swansea trainee who made his debut against Leyton Orient on Boxing Day, 1999. A left-back who made nine appearances last season and didn't let anyone down.

MICHAEL HOWARD - Joined Swansea from Tranmere Rovers in 1998. An under-rated left-back who, good going forward, can also be employed in midfield.

KRISTIAN O'LEARY - Local central defender who progressed from trainee at The Vetch to make his debut against Bradford City in 1996. What he lacks in pace O'Leary more than makes up for



with constructive use of the ball out of defence.

JASON SMITH - A key central defender who, between two spells at Tiverton Town, had a stint at Coventry City without breaking into the Premiership side. Signed for Swansea in 1998, but his defensive qualities were sorely missed when he was sidelined through injury for half of last season. A former England Schoolboy international.

CHRIS TODD - The former Swansea trainee and first year professional was the find of last season when he won a number of Man-of-the-Match awards. Cool and assured in defence, Todd spent the summer months coaching in America.

ANDREW MUMFORD - A tall defender, also happy in midfield, who joined Swansea from neighbours Llanelli to become a trainee. Made the first of his six

Swansea appearances against Port Vale only last April.

MIDFIELDERS

RICHIE APPLEBY - A skilful former Newcastle United trainee and a winger who missed most of last season. Will have happy memories of his last visit to the Moss, for he came on as a substitute to score his side's two goals in a 2-1 win.

RYAN CASEY - Another winger who made his debut against Colchester United in 1996 and was beginning to show consistency last season when he suffered a broken leg. A ball-player who can deliver a fine cross.

JONATHAN COATES - Hard-working flank player on the left of midfield, where he is often under-rated. A big match player who progressed from trainee to make his debut against Birmingham City in 1995 and now has worn Swansea's colours more than 200 times.

NICK CUSACK - Regular member of the Fulham team which won promotion to the Second Division as runners-up to Wigan Athletic in 1996/97 season. Began career at Leicester City, played in Scotland for Motherwell and led Swansea to the Third Division Championship two seasons ago.

LEE JENKINS - Competitive midfielder and hard-worker who was a regular in Wales' U21 side last season. Also progressed through the ranks to make his



ROLL OF HONOUR

Division Two - Promoted after finishing third, 1980/81.

Division Three (South) - Champions, 1924/25, 1948/49.

Division Three - Champions, 1999/2000. Promoted, 1978/79.

Division Four - Promoted, 1969/70, 1977/78, 1987/88.

F.A. Cup - Semi-finals, 1926, 1964.

Welsh Cup - Winners nine times.

Autoglass Trophy - Winners, 1994.

European Cup-Winners' Cup - Competed 1961/62, 1966/67, 1981/82, 1982/83 (they beat Silema Wanderers 17-0 on aggregate in the first round, 12-0 and 5-0), 1983/84, 1989/90 and 1991/92.

Swansea debut against Hereford United in 1996 and played in over 40 games last season.

MICHAEL KEEGAN - A wide, right-sided player who has suffered from the lack of Reserve fixtures at Swansea. But the former England Youth squeezed in nine first team appearances in all competitions last season.

DAMIAN LACEY - Classy, passing midfielder who made his debut against Rochdale in 1995, but is still looking to really cement his position in the side. Perhaps the new season will see a change in fortune?

NICOLAS MAZZINA - The first really successful overseas recruits into English football were Argentines Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa at Spurs in 1978, and here is another attacking midfielder who has represented his country at U18 and U21 level. Formerly at Boca Juniors Youth Academy, Mazzina spent last season scoring eight goals in 29 games for Second Division side AC Kimberley.

GARETH PHILLIPS - Diminutive midfielder with a big engine. Made his Swansea debut against Notts County in 1997 and Welsh U21 baptism as a substitute against the Ukraine at The Vetch last March.

DAVID ROMO - Former French Youth international who signed from Guingamp last September after impressing while on trial. Clever passer of the ball, capable of delivering accurately from dead ball

situations, Romo, who got in 36 games during last season, was called up to train with the French Olympic squad.

FORWARDS

STUART ROBERTS - Old-fashioned right-sided winger who, if in the starting line-up this afternoon, will kick off his 100th game. Player-of-the-Season last year, the pacy, tricky 21-year-old netted five times in 36 games in an unsuccessful bid to keep Swansea in the Second Division.

MAMADY SIDIBE - 6ft 4in, striker who has joined Swansea from French Third Division side CA Paris. Before that he played in the Second Division for Red Star Paris. Good in the air and very quick with his feet for a big man.

STEVE WATKIN - Joined Wrexham from school and scored 55 League goals in 200 games for the other Welsh club. Has maintained the same ratio at Swansea and was joint leading scorer with Walter Boyd and Cusack when the Swans won the Third Division Championship two seasons ago. Good control, hard work and a strong ability to hold the ball up make Watkin an ideal team man.

JOHN WILLIAMS - The once fastest footballer in the country during his Coventry City days has returned for a third spell at Swansea. Has now played over 300 games in the League for several clubs, the last being Darlington from where he made the switch in June.



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from the top

Firstly, may I welcome our opponents today, Swansea City who we have met several times since our promotion to the Football League. I expect Swansea to be one of the teams up there this season pushing for promotion so today's opener is a tough test from the start.

Once again we look ahead to a new season with great optimism both on and off the field. I hope you will give a warm welcome to our new players, Richard Eyns, Andy McAvoy, Kyle Lightbourne, Steve Wilson, Dave Ridler and our favourite son, Chris Byrne. In bringing these players to Macclesfield Town we hope to give a serious challenge to the 'bigger clubs' in our division and to be an entertaining, yet tough team to beat.

Gil is happy with his squad but will look to bring in more new players should he consider it necessary. It's great to see the team spirit so good as that was a significant reason for our success in recent years and I know that Gil, Kevin Keen and now, of course, John Askey are confident in our players' ability to be a serious contender for promotion.

Changes

You may notice some changes around the ground. Not just a lick of paint, but generally a lot cleaner and tidier. We are constantly trying to improve our facilities for you the supporters and improve our image. I hope you will remain patient for a little longer while further improvements are continually carried out.

Today, we also open our new suite on the first floor of the Alfred McAlpine Stand.

Approximately 145 guests will be enjoying lunch today in the suite and enjoying facilities which are second to none in the area.

The suite will be formally opened by Sammy McIlroy at our home game against

Rushden and Diamonds later this month and will be named 'The McIlroy Suite'. With Sky Sports and ITV Digital on several televisions in the suite, we will be able to be kept up to-date with scores from around the country and watch the live games.

This facility is perfect for sportsman's evenings, conferences, parties and with excellent food! This investment will give the club a new revenue stream in years to come.

Matthew Lenton, our commercial manager, will be delighted to give you a tour and provide you with all the information you need.

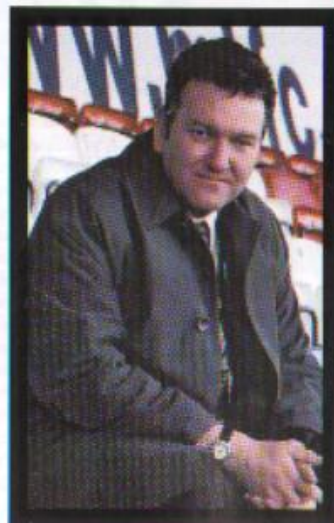
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In James Irlam we have a new shirt sponsor who is doing miles more than just the shirt. The lorry you may have seen looks fantastic and again, enhances our image in the area. David Irlam has also brought other sponsors into the club who we welcome but it demonstrates our progress in marketing the club and its ideas.

Our sponsors are customers as well and we have to be able to sell them our commitment in being successful. David is actually helping us become more successful in the work he is doing and so we are extremely grateful for his support and backing.

The future developments we have planned for you, our supporters and the community as a whole. The ICT centre will open in November/December this year for use by schools and adults with courses run by Macclesfield College. All for free use by everyone.

Hopefully, this time next year we will be starting work on a £4.5 million community facility at the 'Silkman End' of the ground. It will consist of a Multi Sports Hall with seating for concerts and events, a Health



Centre and surgery, a multi gym including aerobics, dance studios, crèche, health and beauty salons and sunbeds. A sports shop, selling all sports merchandise including our own Silkman Leisure brand will also be built as well as offices for both the club and other businesses. A cantilever style structure will be built to provide a further 950 seats over the existing terrace which will bring us closer to the First Division requirement of a 10,000 capacity.

This community facility is attracting a lot of interest up and down the country as it seems to be the first. Not only in the UK but in Europe. The Minister for Sport is aware of the idea and we will be meeting with him shortly to discuss the merits of a Community Football Club of which our club could be the flagship.

Good progress

So, on the whole we're making good progress in what we want to achieve and with your support we will make every effort in achieving our goals. We won't get everything right and we will make mistakes, that's human nature, as long as we put them right.

On behalf of the players, staff and the board of directors, we would like to thank you for your continued support and let's all look forward to an enjoyable and successful season. I am sure you will join me in wishing Gil and the players the very best of luck.

**Eddie Furlong
Chairman**

all the latest news from the nationwide division three

IT all begins in earnest this afternoon and looking for likely promotion candidates, at this point, centres firstly upon the managers.

Joe Kinnear at Luton Town and Gerry Francis at Bristol Rovers are men who have tasted League football at the highest level and their new teams must be among the favourites to go straight back up, like Cardiff City, Chesterfield and Blackpool last May, just 12 months after the drop.

Luton have added notably to their squad in Carl Griffiths, a proven goalscorer from Leyton Orient. Adrian Forbes from Norwich City and taken back former trainee Aaron Skelton from Colchester United, in addition to experienced 'keeper Carl Emberson from Walsall. They clearly mean business.

And Mr Francis, who in his Tottenham days had the likes of Jürgen Klinsmann under his wing, has taken two of his Q.P.R. old boys, young 'keeper Nikki Bubb and striker Ross Weare, to Bristol, where the Pirates appear to have hung on to Nathan Ellington, who netted 18 goals last season despite the team's struggles.

Mark Wright, after cutting his managerial teeth at Southport, has taken over at Oxford United and, in addition to John Dreyer from Cambridge United - he must like university cities! - and Sam Stockley (Barnet), has also recruited Scott Guyett and Phil Bolland from the Sandgrounders. Irish international Phil Gray, who scored the winning goal when Oxford visited the Moss in the FA Cup last season, may now be in the veteran category but he will hope to be a regular marksman this time round now that Mr Wright has bolstered up a leaky defence.

This afternoon's visitors from Swansea City are the other members of the relegated quartet, again swapping places with their neighbouring South Welshmen from Cardiff. When the Swans won the Third Division Championship two seasons ago their success was built upon a defence which conceded only 30 goals during the season and, although full-back Steve Jones has returned to Cheltenham Town, 'keeper Roger Freestone and the remaining members of the back-

four, Matthew Bound (although he is an absentee

today through suspension), partner Jason Smith and left-back Mike Howard, are still at The Vetch and should prove as miserably as ever.

Much will depend on how quickly Argentinian midfielder Nicolas Mazzina and 6ft. 4in. French striker Mamady Sidibe adapt to English football.

All will be anxious for a quick return to the Second Division and I'll be surprised if Luton and Bristol, in particular, are not there or thereabouts.

Browsing through the pages of a national magazine recently, I noted that Bristol and Hull City are many people's tips for promotion.

Hull, after last season's struggles, have recruited virtually a new team since former Leeds United Director Adam Pearson moved across Yorkshire to take over as Chairman and ensure the Boddiferry Park gates remain open. 'Keeper Mickey Glennon, who spent the latter half of last season helping save Carlisle United from relegation, and Chesterfield trickster Ryan Williams are players we know all about. David Lee popped in a few goals for Southend United, while Stoke City defenders Nicky Mohan and Tom Petty are recent additions among a total of 13 newcomers.

They just missed out via the play-offs last season and I'll be very interested to see their starting line-up at Exeter City this afternoon and how they fare this time.

Bearing in mind that magazine's review of the new season and their fancies, I've decided to look outside the obvious in my search for other front-runners. And I have gone for two teams with star goalscorers.

Paul Connor moved from Stoke to Rochdale last season and joined forces with Clive Platt to form one of the most fearsome strike forces in the division, while former Manchester City man Chris Greenacre, who scored in Mansfield Town's 3-1 pre-season win over Sunderland, makes The Stags one of my outside bets.

And what price Macclesfield?

That magazine's "experts" placed the Silken in 22nd position, but I believe we have a defence and midfield which compares more than favourably with any in the division and now that we have signed Kyle Lightbourne to do for his fellow strikers what Neil Quinn does for Kevin Phillips, and Duncan Ferguson for Kevin Campbell - watch out!

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Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Numbers

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	GMs	Ave	Pts	Rat	Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.	PJ	CS	PS
Mansfield	Greenacre	19	8	4	1	46	0.41	19	2	Barnet	7-0 Blackpool	1-6 Hartlepool	30	9	12
Orient	Griffiths	15	13	1	0	37	0.41	19	2	Blackpool	6-0 Scunthorpe	0-7 Barnet	29	12	12
Hartlepool	Henderson	17	13	2	0	40	0.43	16	4	Brighton	6-2 Torquay	0-3 Shrews	25	24	12
Brighton	Zamora	28	12	5	2	43	0.65	15	6	Cardiff	6-1 Exeter	1-3 Cheltenham	33	11	7
Halifax	Kerrigan	18	12	3	0	41	0.44	14	2	Carlisle	3-1 Southend	0-6 Rochdale	31	13	15
Cheltenham	Grayson	13	8	1	1	31	0.42	13	2	Cheltenham	5-2 Plymouth	0-3 Brighton	28	12	12
Chesterfield	Beckett	16	14	1	0	41	0.39	12	3	Chesterfield	4-0 Macclesfield	0-3 Plymouth	27	19	6
Shrewsbury	Jenson	15	7	4	0	41	0.37	12	3	Darlington	3-0 Lin/Shrew	0-3 Cheltenham	41	11	14
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Southend	Amber	8	2	3	0	24	0.33	11	2	Hartlepool	6-1 Barnet	0-3 Scunthorpe	27	13	6
Blackpool	Ormerod	18	14	2	0	41	0.44	10	3	Hull	3-1 Chesterfield	0-3 Brighton	29	19	15
Torquay	Williams	9	7	1	0	37	0.24	10	2	Kidderminster	3-0 Plymouth	1-5 Blackpool	26	13	20
Kidderminster	Durnin	9	7	1	0	31	0.29	8	3	Orient	3-0 Halifax	1-4 Chesterfield	36	12	9
Hull	Rowe	6	6	0	0	21	0.29	8	3	Lincoln	3-0 Southend	0-3 Darlington	36	7	12
Lincoln	Holmes	11	11	0	0	38	0.29	7	4	Macclesfield	3-0 Barnet	2-5 Cardiff	32	13	16
York	McNiven	8	8	0	0	41	0.20	7	1	Mansfield	5-1 Halifax	0-6 Scunthorpe	27	10	12
Cardiff	Eamshaw	19	12	2	1	35	0.54	6	3	Plymouth	4-0 Kidderminster	2-5 Cheltenham	38	14	12
Plymouth	Stonebridge	11	5	3	0	31	0.35	6	2	Rochdale	6-0 Carlisle	1-7 Shrews	28	16	14
Macclesfield	Glover	9	5	2	0	37	0.24	6	1	Scunthorpe	6-0 Macclesfield	0-6 Blackpool	33	15	15
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Darlington	Naylor	11	11	0	0	44	0.25	4	4	Southend	3-0 Rochdale	0-3 3 Clubs	34	12	10
Barnet	Currie	10	7	0	1	45	0.22	4	2	Torquay	4-2 Carlisle	0-5 Blackpool	34	7	12
Rochdale	Connor	10	5	1	1	14	0.71	4	3	York	3-1 Hlx/Ykool	0-4 Cheltenham	38	11	18

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when **irish** eyes are smiling...

WELCOME visitors at the Moss Rose for our recent pre-season friendly match with Tranmere Rovers were Andrew Colwell and James O'Toole, spending a week holidaying over here in Macclesfield from their home in the Republic of Ireland.

Andrew, actually is a former Maxonian who was born in the town and left with his family when he was 10 years old.

He gets across to watch the Silkmen play two or three times a year and has fond memories of games at the Moss and our winning of the GM Vauxhall Conference Championship to gain entry into the Football League in 1997.

"My biggest disappointment was not getting to watch the lads playing at Wembley" he said.

For James, who hails from the little village across the water from where TV's Ballykissangel is filmed, it was his first visit to our ground and he commented upon its excellent condition.

He hardly had a smile off his face and, like Andrew, enjoyed the whole experience so much that he would love to come back

one day.

Asked who were his favourite all-time Silkmen, Andrew immediately plumped for John Askey and Neil Howarth, Phil Power and Tony Hemmings too.

And the lads had the thrill of being introduced to John in the bar after the game. Then Gil Prescott came over to offer a further welcome and to reflect on some of his times footballing and trout fishing in Ireland.

There was none of the final whistle and we all go home as with many of the big clubs.

Everybody was happy - Macc had won, Kyle Lightbourne had played and scored on his debut, and the lads were among the last to leave for their Chestergate digs.

They intended to watch the team training on the following Thursday and promised to spread the gospel and get more of their pals back in Ireland interested in the progress of the Silkmen.



James (left) and Andrew enjoy the Moss Rose Experience

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Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome back to the Moss Rose for our first game of the 2001/02 campaign, a season which at this stage is full of hopes, wishes and dreams.

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to join the team here at Macclesfield Town as commercial manager and I assure you all that being a long standing Macclesfield Town fan that I will be giving 200% to make sure that only the best results off the pitch are achieved.

Today we see the opening of our brand new bar and restaurant in the Alfred McAlpine stand. The "McAlloy Suite" and the "Presidents Bar" offer superb facilities to cater for the forward thinking and vision that we all have here at Macclesfield Town and will also offer, not just the local community, but also national corporate businesses the chance to hold meetings, exhibitions and parties here at the Moss Rose, all strengthening the Macclesfield Town "Brand".

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our first Match sponsor of the season "Renault Minute" and also our first Match Ball sponsor of the season the "Bennett family". It is great to see new businesses in the area, such as "Renault", very keen to be involved with the football club and also fabulous to see the traditional family football afternoon is still very much alive as proven today by the Bennett family. A big Thank You to you both and I hope you have a very enjoyable afternoon with us.

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John, John-Robert and Dominic Bennett. The Bennett family have been following the Silkmen for many years and can usually be spotted on the Star Lane Terrace at home games. Father John and sons John-Robert and Dominic look forward to nothing more than a day at the Moss and today will be more special than most, John is celebrating

his birthday with us though he won't let on how old he is! Happy birthday John, from everyone at MTFC. Enjoy your day.

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Today sees the launch of the "Silkmen Saver" Account. Macclesfield Town have teamed up with the Cheshire Building Society to offer our supporters the chance

to link their favourite football club with the region's favourite Building Society. For more information about the "Silkmen Saver" Account call into your nearest branch.

If you have any questions relating to the Commercial Dept. then please do not hesitate to call me on 01625 264693, I would be more than pleased to hear from you. Finally, enjoy the game and let's make this a season to remember.

Regards,
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Lookers and Renault have continually developed their relationship over the years and with the new site in Macclesfield that relationship marks a new beginning into the 21st century. Lookers are also looking forward to developing a successful relationship with Macclesfield Town Football Club.

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Renault Minute is proud to be sponsor of the opening game against Swansea and wish Macclesfield Town F.C. every success in what promises to be an exciting season.

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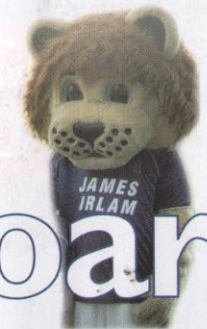
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maccmascot

Today's Mascot is Reece Loftus (below) who is six years old and goes to Ivy Bank Primary School. His favourite teams are Liverpool and Macclesfield Town and his favourite players are Michael Owen and John Askey.



When Reece is not playing football he likes to go fishing with his dad Glen and he also really likes Pokemon. Have a really good day today Reece and I hope to hear you cheering nice and LOUDLY!!

A big hello to all my friends and I hope you are all enjoying your holidays. I have just come back from my summer holiday where I went to see my good friends Eddie Elephant, Dianne Deer and Colin the Giraffe. We all had a great time playing on the beach and eating ice creams but I think I ate too many as I felt quite sick.

If you have been on your holiday's or you have been busy helping mummy or daddy around the house then please send me a drawing of what you have been doing, you might have built a big sandcastle or tidied up your bedroom, whatever you have been doing I would really like to see what my friends do while they are on holiday.

Send your pictures to: Roary, Macclesfield Town FC, Moss Rose, London Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 7SP. The best pictures I receive I will put on my

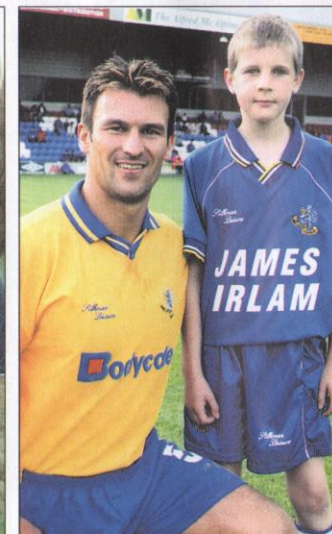
page in the programme for everyone to see and I will also send you a signed picture of ME!

Mascots

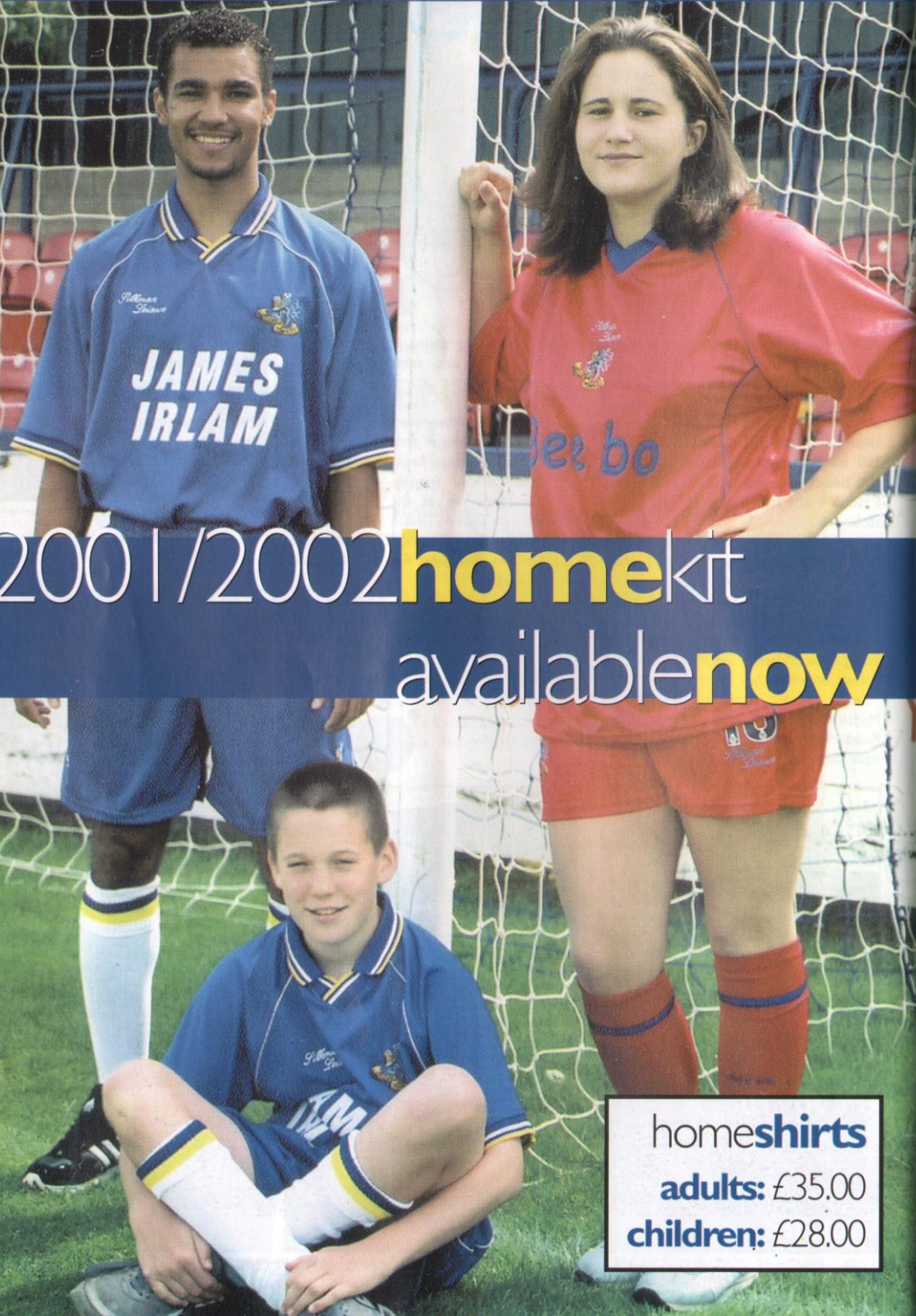
Here are pictures of some of my friends who have helped me look after the team on some of our friendly games. That's Bethany with me at the Stoke game, Robert with Darren Tinson at the Preston match and Matthew and Ellie with Kyle Lightbourne and John Askey before the Bury friendly.

A big "Thank You" to you all for your help.

Looking forward to seeing all your pictures



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Liverpool teenager making the grade at Macc

A SCouser born and bred, with that familiar, unmistakable twang, 19-year-old Ricky Lambert is ideally built for a footballer, 6ft. 2in. in height and just over 12 stones in weight.

From Ruffwood School in his home city, Ricky joined Blackpool as a trainee and was progressing nicely as long as Nigel Worthington was the man in charge at Bloomfield Road.

"I used to be a forward, then they switched me to right-back and, in my last year as a trainee, into central midfield".

Ricky began the 1999/2000 season as a 17-year-old substitute for Blackpool's Second Division side in a home game against Wrexham which was won 2-1 and he also wore

the No. 12 shirt when Cambridge United were the visitors to the

seaside and a similar scoreline brought in a further three points for a team which, nevertheless, was now struggling in a relegation 22nd position in the table.

Steve McMahon took over as the Blackpool boss in January, 2000, and although Ricky's two appearances had coincided with victories - something of a lucky mascot! - he had to wait until the final game of the season when an already doomed team drew 2-2 at home to Chesterfield before he again got the call.

Ricky did not figure in the new manager's plans and it was by a fortunate chance that he came along to the Moss, initially to watch fellow ex-Blackpool trainee Darren Connell in action for our Reserves.

"Daz asked Norman Bernard if I could come along for a trial and he said 'Yes'." A wise decision, indeed.

Ricky was soon impressing with his superb vision and passing ability, seemingly strolling through games and pinging the ball around the park, long and short passes delivered with great accuracy. He packs a fair wallop, too, once finding the net in a Reserve game from all of 40 yards.

Injuries to senior players saw Ricky pressed into first team action and he made his full League debut on

Saturday, March 3, 2001, when the visitors were Chesterfield, then riding high in pole position.

He came through with flying colours and became a regular member of the squad during the remaining weeks. He even came on in place of goalscorer John Askey late in our fine victory against Blackpool and must have enjoyed that one.

Ricky, whose boyhood hero was Kenny Dalglish, hopes to do well this season and win an extension to his contract.

The ambition's there, too. "I would love one day to play at a higher level". Let's hope it is wearing a Macc shirt.

"Ricky was soon impressing with his superb vision and passing ability..."

matchto remember

19/5/96 - F.A. Trophy Final
@ Wembley Stadium
MACCLESFIELD TOWN 3
NORTHWICH VICTORIA 1

TONY Hemmings starred against his former club as Macclesfield Town defeated Northwich Victoria in the 1996 FA Trophy final watched by 8,672 at Wembley Stadium.

Both clubs were making their third FA Trophy final appearance and Macclesfield started confidently, taking the lead against their Conference rivals in the 19th minute. Central defender Steve Payne shook off the attention of Northwich striker Ian Cooke who had been detailed to mark him and ran

on to a long free-kick by Mark Gardiner, heading powerfully past experienced Vics goalkeeper Dean Greygoose.

The Silkmen showed that they could hit their passes just as accurately in open play and, with 28 minutes gone, a 45-yard ball by Steve Wood found Marc Coates running down the left-wing. He delivered his cross early and Northwich defender Dave Burgess, aware that Phil Power was running in behind him, stretched to put the ball out of play only to smash it against the stanchion at the back of the net and back into the arms of his bemused keeper.

Northwich attacked vigorously in response and Macclesfield's England Semi-Pro

goalkeeper Ryan Price turned the ball over the crossbar after a smart shot on the turn by Carwyn Williams. From the resulting corner, classy midfielder Steve Walters hit a cross to the far post where Ian Cooke was unmarked with a gaping goal at which to aim. Fortunately for Macclesfield, he could only hit against the far post.

Sammy McIlroy's side dominated the rest of the first-half but Northwich came out after the interval with renewed confidence and were rewarded with a well-worked goal in the 53rd minute. Steve Walters robbed Tony

Hemmings in midfield and played the ball perfectly to the feet of Carwyn Williams as he ran into the penalty area. He took one pace further and slotted the ball past goalkeeper Ryan Price.

Chances fell to both sides in the later stages of an increasingly open game and it needed a splendid solo goal by skilful left-winger Tony Hemmings to subdue Northwich's second-half rally. Booed by Northwich supporters throughout the match, he had the last laugh with his memorable strike that sealed victory for Macclesfield.

Fed by Phil Power, he sprinted 60 yards and calmly placed his shot past Dean Greygoose to settle the all-Cheshire final with nine minutes remaining. Two minutes later Derek Ward, the Northwich right-back, was sent off after committing a second bookable foul on Hemmings. Substituted in the final minute, man of the match Hemmings resisted the temptation for any triumphal gesture, offering equal applause to both sets of supporters.

MACCLESFIELD: Ryan Price, Cec Edey, Neil Howarth, Steve Payne, Mark Gardiner, Darren Lyons, Neil Sorvel, Steve Wood (Kevin Hulme), Tony Hemmings (Paul Cavell), Marc Coates, Phil Power.

NORTHWICH: Dean Greygoose, Derek Ward, Graham Abel (Lee Steele), Dave Burgess (Wes Simpson), Chris Duffy, Carwyn Williams, Brian Butler, Steve Walters, Darren Vicary, Ian Cooke, Delwyn Humphreys.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MACCLESFIELD'S TEAM?

RYAN PRICE: England Semi-Pro goalkeeper who also starred in Macclesfield's 1996-97 Conference title triumph and 1997-98 promotion success, making 159



Conference/League appearances prior to joining Telford United initially on loan in November 1999. He remains an experienced member of their squad.

CEC EDEY: Versatile right-back who also helped the Silkmen to win the Conference title in 1996-97 and secure promotion for the second consecutive season in 1997-98, playing 66 Conference/League games for Sammy McIlroy's side before moving to Hyde United on a free transfer in June 1998.

NEIL HOWARTH: England Semi-Pro central defender who was another key figure as Macclesfield soared from the Conference to Second Division. He scored 22 goals in 199 Conference/League outings before joining Cheltenham Town in February 1999, helping to clinch the Conference title that season.

STEVE PAYNE: Influential central defender who headed the opening goal in Macclesfield's 1996 FA Trophy final triumph, netting six goals in 189 Conference/League games for the Silkmen prior to joining Chesterfield in July 1999. He helped them to regain Second Division status at the first attempt last season.

MARK GARDINER: Versatile left-back who also featured in Macclesfield's 1996-97 Conference title triumph and scored four times in 46 Conference/Third Division outings before moving to Northwich Victoria in December 1997. Subsequently Leek Town's player-boss, he is now with Nantwich Town.

DARREN LYONS: Much-travelled winger who made his farewell appearance for Macclesfield in the FA Trophy final triumph at Wembley, netting 11 goals in 80 Conference outings prior to joining Winsford United in August 1996. He has subsequently played for Halifax Town, Altrincham and Morecambe.

NEIL SORVEL: Ever-present midfielder who was another influential figure as Macclesfield won the Conference title in 1996-97 and further promotion in 1997-98, netting 24 goals in 292 Conference/League outings for the Silkmen prior to rejoining Crewe Alexandra on a free transfer in June 1999.

STEVE WOOD: Experienced midfielder who was top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in Macclesfield's 1996-97 Conference title triumph. He became joint player-coach with John Askey in January 2000 and netted 47

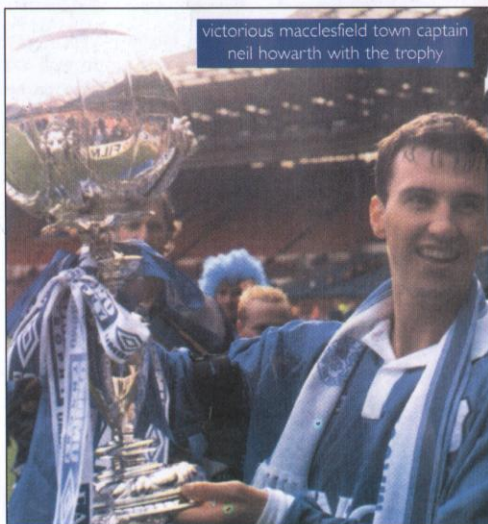
goals in 259 Conference/League outings prior to rejoining Stalybridge Celtic in July 2001.

TONY HEMMINGS: Exciting England Semi-Pro winger who scored a brilliant solo goal to clinch Macclesfield's 1996 FA Trophy final triumph, moving to Hednesford Town in October 1996. He has since played for Gloucester City, Altrincham, Winsford United, Ilkeston Town, Chester City and Carlisle United.

MARC COATES: Much-travelled striker who also featured in Macclesfield's 1996-97 Conference title campaign, scoring 12 goals in 41 outings prior to joining Rhyl in August 1997. He has since played for Barrow, TNS, Kingstonian, Dover Athletic, Walton & Hersham and Hampton & Richmond Borough.

PHIL POWER: Popular striker who was Macclesfield Town's leading marksman in 1995-96, also starring in the meteoric rise to the Second Division under Sammy McIlroy. He scored 58 goals in 161 Conference/League games before joining Altrincham in June 1998 and moved to Radcliffe Borough in March 2001.

victorious macclesfield town captain
neil howarth with the trophy



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ZARA BEXON brings you ... A Fairer Point of View

Hi and welcome to the first match of the 2001/02 season, and hopefully it will be a very enjoyable season and not one to be missed.

I would just like to mention the Player-of-the-Year awards. Well done to Darren Tinson for achieving Player-of-the-Year, well done to Danny Adams for getting Junior Supporters' Player-of-the-Year (and best solo artist); ask George Abbey how his dancing career is going, I'm sure he will say "It wasn't me".

I would like to say thank-you on behalf of the fans to the Supporters' Club for arranging the Player-of-the-Year, it was a

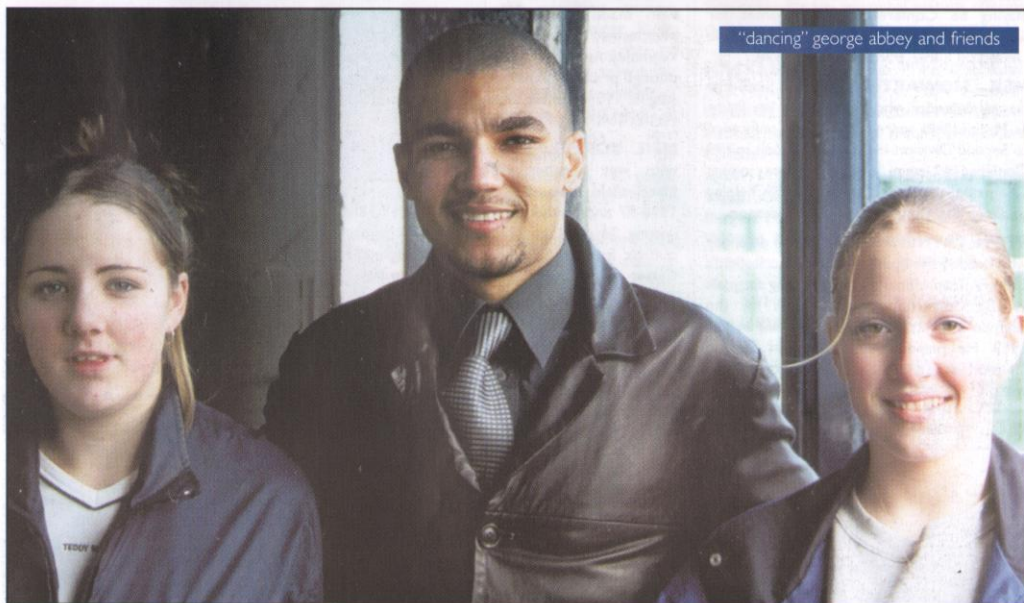
very enjoyable night.

As you probably already know, Gil has signed a few players over the off-season. Welcome to Macclesfield Town, I'm sure you will all enjoy your stay with us. And also can I say a warm welcome back on behalf of the fans to Chris Byrne.

I'm sure everyone would like to say a big thank-you to Eddie Furlong and all the Directors for everything they have done for the club and everything they will be doing in the future to ensure the club runs smoothly.

Enjoy the season ahead and get behind the lads today and hope for a win to start the season off properly.

Up the Blues,
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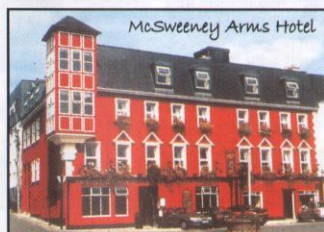
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WHILE Macclesfield Town Football Club may not be lucky enough to have an official club historian, we have been fortunate enough to recruit the services of 73-year-old Ken Sparks, who first saw the team play in 1935 and recently dropped in after enjoying a round of golf during the morning and has lent us the use of a marvellous

series of photographs and old programmes from big occasions in our past.

We are sure they will bring back happy memories to many as we reproduce them in each edition of our new-look Matchday Programme.

We begin this afternoon with one of the proudest moments in the Silkmen's history, when the team travelled down to Wembley to become the very first winners of the F.A. Trophy in 1970 when Dave Lyon and Brian Fidler added their names to the many football legends who have scored goals at the Stadium and so enabled us to defeat Telford United 2-0.

Pictured are the cover for the

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programme, a photo of Macc's team and the ticket allowing Ken's in-laws, then the Mayor and Mayoress of Macclesfield, Alderman Bert and Mrs. Emma Capper, entry into the Royal Box.

Left to right, back: Brian Booth, Dave Lyon, George Siewwright, Dave Berry, John Cooke, John Bennett, Dennis Fidler and Dave Roberts. **Seated:** Merrick Corfield, Brian Fidler, Frank Beaumont (Player/Manager), John Collins and Dick Young.

Now you have had a taster, we will bring you more photographs from the "Big Day" in our programme for the Bradford City cup-tie in 10 days' time.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN F.C. SEASON 1969-70



maccshorts

A NEW FACE IN THE TREATMENT ROOM

Welcome today to Andrew Balderston who is taking over from Ewan Simpson as Club Physiotherapist. Andrew hails from deepest Kent but came to Manchester University and never returned south. After qualifying, he spent several years in a private hospital before joining Manchester United Centre of Excellence where he has developed a good insight into the game. Andrew attended his first game at the Moss last Saturday when we took on Bury in our final warm-up fixture. He is really looking forward to the new season and to

developing a good working relationship with the senior squad. Welcome to the Moss Rose Andrew. It's good to know there is a professional in the treatment room but I'm sure you will understand if we say we hope you are not kept too busy!

FACELIFT FOR THE MOSS

Of course we're proud of the McAlpine but that doesn't mean we're forgetting about the rest of the ground. Most people returning to the Moss today will see a lot of changes, from new turnstiles at the Silkmen Terrace to new toilets and a food



Andrew joins from United

kiosk at the Star Lane End. All investments designed to improve the facilities available to our supporters. Not so obvious but important nonetheless is the paint job carried out over the summer on the old Main Stand. I couldn't work out at first why it looked so neat and tidy this season. A remnant of our non-League roots it may be but it looks all the better for a coat of paint!



Painting the Moss Blue

SILKMEN TO TAKE ON JAPANESE

Top Japanese University side, Tsukuba are to play the Silkmen. This friendly will take place tomorrow at 11.00am and will see Macclesfield Town fielding a team against Tsukuba University as a part of the 'Japan Festival 2001', an event held every five years in the UK and Japan.

Tsukuba University is one of the top universities in Japan for academic as well as sporting subjects. The university was founded in 1895 and the Football Team was begun in the same year making Tsukuba University FC the oldest football club in Japan. Currently topping the

University League in Japan, the club has produced international players as well as many who have moved on to the J League since its inception in 1993.

This friendly, which will be held at The Moss Rose is free to enter and the doors will open at around 10.15

CHESHIRE BIKEATHON

The Silkmen were proud to be part of the eighth annual Cheshire Bikeathon, which was held on Sunday, July 15th. Over 1,700 cyclists, from toddlers to octogenarians, converged on Macclesfield to spin their wheels for charity. The event raised £65,000 to support the Leukaemia Research Fund. Medals were presented by Eddie Furlong and Colin Garlick, who represented the club at the event. Our picture shows Eddie with Daniel and Christopher Hall who participated in the "Kiddiethon". Daniel and Christopher play Josh in Granada TV's "Cold Feet". Both of them? That's what it says here!



STAND FOR THE STAND

With the new McAlpine Stand in full match day use for the first time today it is worth reminding ourselves of the role of the Football Foundation in its construction. The photo shows Tom Pendry MP unveiling a plaque recognising the role the Foundation played in the project. Without their financial support our fantastic new facility, open upstairs for customers for the first time today, would not

have been possible.

If you haven't had a chance to see what it has to offer then do so. Eddie Furlong and a large team of people have been working tirelessly over the summer to create an environment which is not only perfect for watching football but is an ideal location for parties, banquets, business meetings, conferences. Contact Matt Lenton in the Commercial Office for details. I promise, you won't be disappointed.



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WHAT'S ONLINE RIGHT NOW?

SILK PRINT

We give you the lowdown on what the press are saying about the Silkmen. Recently featured have been two articles from the Bermudan Royal Gazette about new signing Kyle Lightbourne's international future and his search for a club which ended up here at the Moss Rose.

LATEST RUMOURS

Silkmen Online gives you the chance to send in the rumours you've heard in the pub, on the street or simply made up for comedy value. Heard a whisper that Chris Priest is going to Juventus or that the Silkmen are making an audacious bid for Barry Hayles? You can test out your theory here.

SILKCHAT

Our ever-popular messageboard is now up and running. Post your thoughts on all aspects of Macclesfield Town F.C.

DIARY OF A MACC FAN

A fans eye view of life on the terraces. This week we have our man's report from the recent friendly against our old friends from Altrincham.

SILK LEGENDS

Remember the greats of yester-year with this section. This is also your chance to commemorate your personal favourite player as we're on the lookout for anyone to give us THEIR opinion on the greatest Silkman of all time!

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inreserve

Manager John will aim to strike the right balance

THREE highlights emerged from a 2000/01 season which, for Macc Reserves, began and ended in victories.

First there was a 1-0 win in the Avon League Cup over a Sheffield United team from a higher division, success given us when Matt Woolley's shot as half-time approached was too hot for the Blades 'keeper to hold and Damien Whitehead, with that uncanny knack of his, just happened to be in the right place to turn the rebound into the net.

We could even afford the luxury of Gregor Rioch later having a penalty saved.

That win, in John Askey's first game in charge of our Reserves, helped us to reach the quarter-finals where we unluckily lost to Stoke City's last-minute decider.

Eight days later we defeated Champions-elect Bury by 2-1, with Mo again on the mark and, following the Shakers' equaliser two minutes from time, Richard Tracey's big dipper gave the game an exciting conclusion.

And the third? ... that was the way so many of our younger players came into the side, partly through choice but more often through necessity, and always held their own against usually far more experienced opponents.

In one game in particular, apart from on-loan 'keeper Steve Wilson and 20-year-old Michael Bamber, Macc's team against at least three-quarters of whom had first team experience, was made up of trainees.

Manager John Askey will aim to strike the right balance between promising youth, of which Macc possess an abundance, and experience, always recognising that his prime task will be to provide a worthwhile back-up and players ready to step up to first team action when the call comes.

MANSFIELD HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Macc Reserves open our 2001/02 fixtures at the Moss on Wednesday afternoon (kick-off 2 p.m.) with the visit of our counterparts from Mansfield Town. We will hope to make a similar winning start to last season when we were the victors against Hull City, with Matt Woolley coming off the bench as a late substitute to strike a stunning deciding goal with his first touch. The result was 3-2 in our favour.

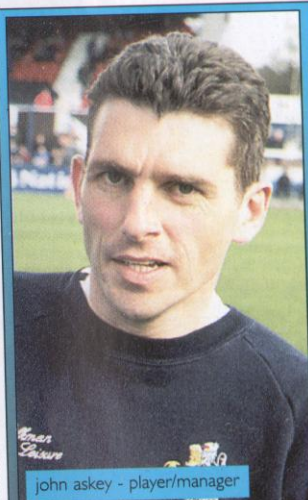
Warned

But be warned: the Stags proved a difficult team for our lads to break down and even though, territorially, we enjoyed much the better of the corresponding fixture last November, it was Mansfield who scored the only goal of the game and stole away with all three points. We will be desperate to ensure there is no repeat.

So come along and give the lads your support. You will have seen the Silkmen's line-up this afternoon; the remaining Silkmen, plus those on the bench against Swansea, could form the nucleus of the team.

LAST SEASON'S GOALS

Last season's Reserve goalscorers, in League and Cup, were:-	
Damien Whitehead.....	9
Darren Connell.....	3
Kieron Durkan.....	2
Ricky Lambert.....	2
Richard Tracey.....	2
Chris Bettney.....	1
Lee Glover.....	1
Gregor Rioch.....	1
Ben Sedgemore.....	1
Danny Whitaker.....	1
Matt Woolley.....	1



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Wed Apr 10 - HARTLEPOOL UTD	H

Fixtures subject to alteration.

Reserve home games played at the Moss Rose on Wednesdays with a 2 p.m. kick-off.

the young'uns

Big News! - Macc to enter FA Youth Cup

MACC's exciting group of young players will have the opportunity this season to pit their skills against the country's best.

For the first time Macc will be entering the prestigious FA Youth Cup and while, initially, we will have to work our way through qualifying rounds, if successful there is the prospect of the future David Beckham and Michael Owens, both Cup winners in the past, being seen at the Moss when the "Big Boys" come in for the later rounds.

We still await news of our first opponents, but no doubt you will want to come along to the Moss to give the youngsters every encouragement should we be drawn at home.

Watch this space for future details.

Three new scholars looking forward to life with the Youth team

GOALKEEPER Matt Higgins, midfielder Jordan Goodeve and local striker Jono Campbell are three young lads on a mission.

They were the trio who were offered, and accepted, scholarships at Macclesfield after successfully completing last season playing for our Centre of Excellence's U16 squad.

They are looking forward to joining last season's intake of defenders Michael Carr and Wes Dolphin, midfielder Steve Brackenridge and striking duo Richard Bayliss and Adam Naylor in forming the backbone of the new season's Youth team, competing for a second time in the Football League's Youth Alliance.

The most successful member of last season's Youth team, which overall provided much confidence for the future,



was left-sided utility player Adam Morris.

The Middlesbrough-based youngster was the one player to be offered a 12-month professional contract at the end of his time spent as a trainee.

Another addition to our paid ranks this season is powerful defender Michael Welch, who joined Macc last year on loan from Barnsley.

He impressed all with his competitive play and, besides featuring in the Youth team, was a regular member of the Reserves during the second half of the season.

Fine result at Man. City

MACC Youth team gained a fine result when we visited a Manchester City team which included four internationals, among them the highly thought of Lee Croft, last Saturday.

The game ended at 1-1, with Richard Bayliss putting our youngsters ahead and City equalising only 10 minutes from time.



Sat Aug 18	Shrewsbury Town	A
Sat Aug 25	MANSFIELD TOWN	H
Sat Sep 1	Stockport County	A
Sat Sep 8	Youth Alliance Cup	
Sat Sep 15	CHESTERFIELD	H
Sat Sep 22	Rotherham United	A
Sat Sep 29	In Service Training	
Sat Oct 6	CHESTER CITY	H
Sat Oct 13	Youth Alliance Cup	
Sat Oct 20		
Sat Oct 27	Port Vale	A
Sat Nov 3	Youth Alliance Cup	
Sat Nov 10	LINCOLN CITY	H
Sat Nov 17	Chesterfield	A
Sat Nov 24	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H
Sat Dec 1	Youth Alliance Cup	
Sat Dec 8	In Service Training	
Sat Dec 15	Chester City	A
Sat Jan 19	Lincoln City	A
Sat Jan 26	PORT VALE	H
Sat Feb 2	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H
Sat Feb 9	Mansfield Town	A
Sat Feb 16	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H
Sat Mar 2	Merit Division, Match 1	
Sat Mar 9	Merit Division, Match 2	
Sat Mar 16	Merit Division, Match 3	
Sat Mar 23	Merit Division, Match 4	
Sat Mar 30	Merit Division, Match 5	
Sat Apr 6	In Service Training	
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Sat Apr 20	Merit Division, Match 7	
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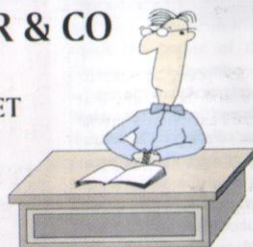
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AS THE new season dawns, today provides a good opportunity to welcome Steph Knott and David Conlon to the Community for the new season. This is a bold investment in the Community Scheme, which seeks to further develop the extensive services provided by Macclesfield Town. Our aim as always is to get more and more children coming along to the Moss in the blue shirts of Macclesfield Town. I am sure everyone will continue to be supportive of both new members as they endeavour to promote the future development of the club.

Steph will be responsible for work with girls/ladies' football, whilst Dave is tackling our free In-School coaching in local primary schools. Together FITC hope to offer and support the community that supports the Silkmen.

SILKMEN IN THE SUN

Yes, it really has been sunny in

Macclesfield! The tans on the Community coaches is evidence of this as the local playing fields have been blessed with sunshine. This is especially true because as yet no coaches have been on our hols, although it could be debated whether one coach is sneaking under a sun lamp!

It is also great to know that in addition to the ongoing support of the club, the players have been out in force to support our holiday programme. So, if you want to pass on some tricks to the first team, come and sign up for one of our remaining summer holiday courses.

GOALS & GLOVES

A specialist course for young strikers or goal-keepers. Come and be coached at Ryles Park High School and enjoy a special visit from the Silkmen goalies and strikers.

The course takes place between 20th-24th August at Ryles Park High School. The times will be 10.00-4.00pm and the cost is £35.00

DAILY FIVES

Just come and play, for the fun of it. FITC coaches will be on hand to offer five-a-side fun and prizes at Ryles Park High School each day. The course takes place between 20th-24th August at Ryles Park High School. The times will be 10.00-12.00noon and the cost is £4.00 per day

CITY SLICKERS

Our final course repeats

a truly memorable course last year with a visit to Manchester City, to train at Platt Lane Training Complex and see behind the scenes at Maine Road. The course also includes a Micro course for younger players. The course takes place between 28th-31st August at Derby Fields, Macclesfield. The times will be 10.00-4.00pm (Juniors) and the cost is £25.00. For the Micro course the times are 10.00am-12.00noon and the cost is £18.00. The trip to Maine Road is on Friday 31 Aug and the cost is £12.00 per participant.

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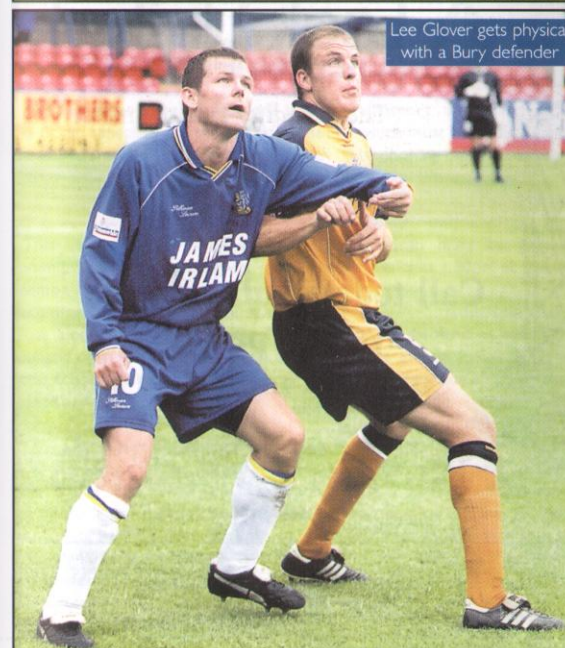
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Byrne and Lightbourne are foiled by the Bury 'keeper



Darren Tinson keeps an eye on the Bury No. 8



Lee Glover gets physical with a Bury defender



Richard Tracey on the edge

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junior blues

Macclesfield Town FC Junior Blues wish a very warm welcome to all the Swansea City FC juniors who have made the trip for the first of this season's Nationwide League Division Three games at the Moss Rose. A new season always brings optimism in your team's hopes and ambitions and the Junior Blues are looking optimistically for a bright start from the Silkmen. Have a pleasant stay and a safe journey afterwards.

Saturday Matchday Club.

Once again the Saturday MatchDay Club will be held at the Ryles Park School, which has indoor and outdoor facilities depending on the weather. The first Saturday MatchDay Club will take place on September 1st when Scunthorpe United are the visitors to the Moss Rose. MatchDay Club is held on Saturday match days between 11.30am-1.30pm with qualified coaches and supervised by the Junior Blues staff. It is hoped that we will be able to undertake a range of activities apart from just football. After taking part in the activities, we have lunch (please bring a pre-packed lunch) and then travel to the Moss Rose to watch the game. We have seats reserved in the new Alfred McAlpine Stand and the juniors are fully supervised by JB staff.

The cost, which includes football, transport and match tickets, is £6.50 which must be booked prior to the match by phoning the FITC at the Club on 01625 264688.

Junior Blues who wish to participate in football only will be charged £3.50p. Children must be picked up by their parents at 1.30pm at the changing rooms.

Admission to the ground at reduced rates!

This season Junior Blues will once again gain admission to the ground for all home Nationwide League Division Three matches via the Junior Blues turnstile, which is situated on the Moss Estate side of the ground near to the Star Lane end. Entry at the reduced rate (£3.50) is on production of the JB membership card. Parents should note that transfers to the Alfred McAlpine Stand will not be granted under this scheme!

Mike Naden



Junior Blue Of The Week! Stuart Roberts

We start this new section of our programme with none other than the current 'Junior Blue of the Year' Stuart Roberts. Stuart was a deserving winner of the 'Macc-Illroy' Trophy at the Junior Blues presentation evening back in May. Stuart lives in Wilmslow and attends the Greenbank School in Northwich. Stuart is 14 years of age and was born on the 16th May 1987. Stuart attends the Saturday Matchday Club on a regular basis and is also a member of 'Friends for Leisure'. Stuart lists Leeds United as one of his favourite teams alongside the Silkmen! Stuart enjoys swimming, bowling and cycling amongst his many hobbies.

• Any parent who feels they would like to be involved with the Junior Blues please contact us on 01625 264688 at the FITC office or on the Junior Blues mobile phone 07956 556089.



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Macclesfield gained a comfortable victory in the end in their first pre-season friendly.

Lack of competitive football showed at the beginning as Buxton's enthusiasm held Macclesfield for much of the time. Macc took the lead through a fine volley from Gill Gage and although they continued to have most of the play and chances, Buxton equalised shortly before the break when the ball couldn't be cleared from a goalmouth scramble.

The second half was a very different story and Macc's more skilful approach gradually gave them control of the game. There was some good passing football and Macclesfield deservedly took the lead from a powerful drive from Tanya Foster. Macc dominated the play increasingly and apart from one or two breakaways, Buxton were on the defensive. The home defence were always in trouble from corners and from

one of these Rosemary Brown, who had one of her best games, coolly made it 3-1. A strong run from the pacy Kim Janes added Macc's fourth. Just before the final whistle Buxton's luck ran out again when the ball wasn't cleared from a corner and an unfortunate defender put the ball in her own net.

Whilst this was a friendly, there were many promising signs for the new season. New players, including Natalie Richbell and Jo Gorman performed well; defenders Kati Hogan, Aimee Spencer and Tammy Hutchins were sound and at times outstanding, and there was intelligent play from Helen Beach, Lyndsey Matthews and Krista Oakes. Kathy Millward played in goal for much of the match where she kept a clean sheet (unconventionally at times!), and also performed well in midfield.

Goals: Gill Gage, Tanya Foster, Rose Brown, Kim Janes.

Player of the match: Kathy Millward.



Kathy Millward –
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the stats

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Tue Aug 21	BRADFORD CITY (WC1)	H
Sat Aug 25	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	H
Mon Aug 27	Mansfield Town	A
Sat Sep 1	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H
Sat Sep 8	Halifax Town	A
Sat Sep 15	HULL CITY	H
Tue Sep 18	Oxford United	A
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A
Tue Sep 25	DARLINGTON	H
Sat Sep 29	Exeter City	A
Sun Oct 7	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	H
Sat Oct 13	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY	H
Tue Oct 23	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H
Sat Oct 27	York City	A
Sat Nov 3	CARLISLE UNITED	H
Sat Nov 10	Southend United	A
Sat Nov 17	F.A. Cup 1	
Tue Nov 20	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Nov 24	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat Dec 1	Torquay United	A
Sat Dec 8	F.A. Cup 2	
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Sat Jan 12	ROCHDALE	H
Sat Jan 19	Swansea City	A
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Sat Jan 26	Kidderminster Harriers	A
Sat Feb 2	EXETER CITY	H
Sat Feb 9	Lincoln City	A
Sat Feb 16	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Fri Feb 22	Hull City	A
Tue Feb 26	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat Mar 2	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H
Tue Mar 5	Darlington	A
Sat Mar 9	Leyton Orient	A
Sat Mar 16	TORQUAY UNITED	H
Fri Mar 22	Hartlepool United	A
Sat Mar 30	YORK CITY	H
Mon Apr 1	Carlisle United	A
Sat Apr 6	CHELTEHAM TOWN	H
Sat Apr 13	Luton Town	A
Sat Apr 20	SOUTHEND UNITED	H



Left to right: D. Joseph (Vice-President), Mel Charles, Cliff Jones, Mrs. Colin Webster, John Charles, Mrs. Ivor Allchurch, Mel Nurse, Don Goss (Stadium Manager). What price would these players and husbands be worth today?

Floody Hell!

The Silkmen's pitch passed its sternest test this week as this was the sight which greeted the office staff when they ventured out after Tuesday afternoons deluge.

Within hours the flooded area had drained completely and it just goes to show how good our ground-staff really are when you look at the quality of the pitch this afternoon.



key: WC - Worthington Cup, FAC - F.A. Cup, LDV - LDV Vans Trophy.
Home Fixtures in **bold blue type**

the table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
Brighton & H.A.	46	19	2	2	52	14	9	6	8	21	21	38	92
Chesterfield	46	16	5	2	46	14	9	9	5	33	28	37	89
Cardiff City	46	16	7	0	56	20	7	6	10	39	38	37	82
Hartlepool Utd	46	12	8	3	40	23	9	6	8	31	31	17	77
Leyton Orient	46	13	7	3	31	18	7	8	8	28	33	8	75
Hull City	46	12	7	4	27	18	7	10	6	20	21	8	74
Blackpool	46	14	4	5	50	26	8	2	13	24	32	16	72
Rochdale	46	11	8	4	36	25	7	9	7	23	23	11	71
Cheltenham Town	46	12	5	6	37	27	6	9	8	22	25	7	68
Scunthorpe Utd	46	13	7	3	42	16	5	4	14	20	36	10	65
Southend Utd	46	10	8	5	29	23	5	10	8	26	30	2	63
Plymouth Argyle	46	13	5	5	33	17	2	8	13	21	44	-7	58
Mansfield Town	46	12	7	4	40	26	3	6	14	24	46	-8	58
Macclesfield Town	46	10	5	8	23	21	4	9	10	28	41	-11	56
Shrewsbury Town	46	12	5	6	30	26	3	5	15	19	39	-16	55
Kidderminster H	46	10	6	7	29	27	3	8	12	18	34	-14	53
York City	46	9	6	8	23	26	4	7	12	19	37	-21	52
Lincoln City	46	9	9	5	36	28	3	6	14	22	38	-8	51
Exeter City	46	8	9	6	22	20	4	5	14	18	38	-18	50
Darlington	46	10	6	7	28	23	2	7	14	16	33	-12	49
Torquay United	46	8	9	6	30	29	4	4	15	22	48	-25	49
Carlisle United	46	8	8	7	26	26	3	7	13	16	39	-23	48
Halifax Town	46	7	6	10	33	32	5	5	13	21	36	-14	47
Barnet	46	9	8	6	44	29	3	1	19	23	52	-14	45

the rollcall

Player	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
George ABBEY	-	-	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danny ADAMS	-	-	37	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John ASKEY	-	-	154	28	154	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael BAMBER	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris BYRNE	-	-	5	-	69	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shaun CAME	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard EYRE	-	-	-	-	48	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee GLOVER	-	-	37	8	275	54	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve HITCHEN	-	-	79	-	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve HODGSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin KEEN	-	-	32	2	470	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ricky LAMBERT	-	-	9	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle LIGHTBOURNE	-	-	-	-	308	91	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee MARTIN	-	-	42	-	231	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy McAVOY	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karl MUNROE	-	-	28	1	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul O'NEILL	-	-	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris PRIEST	-	-	51	8	218	34	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dave RIDLER	-	-	-	-	116	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren TINSON	-	-	172	4	172	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard TRACEY	-	-	13	3	71	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danny WHITAKER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Damien WHITEHEAD	-	-	56	14	56	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve WILSON	-	-	1	-	182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matt WOOLLEY	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Key: A - 01/02 League Apps, B - 01/02 League Gls, C - MTFC League Apps, D - MTFC League Gls, E - Career Apps, F - Career Gls, G - 01/02 F.A.C. Apps, H - 01/02 F.A.C. Gls, I - 01/02 W.C. Apps, J - 01/02 W.C. Gls, K - 01/02 LDV Vans Apps, L - 01/02 LDV Vans Gls.



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Welcome back to the Moss for the start of the new season. I'm sure the closed season gets shorter or it certainly seems like it! Welcome also to everyone who has travelled up from Swansea. We hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home afterwards.

Our two-year membership scheme is going well. So far almost 200 people have either rejoined or joined for the first time. The fee for two years is £12 for adults (as well as OAP's wanting to use the bar) and £7 for OAP's and juniors. Application forms can be found in the Commercial Office or the Blues Bar.

This season we are providing catering for both home and away supporters. Obviously, this will mean a lot more work for the catering staff, but will enable us to raise more money to pass on to the Directors as and when needed.

A Supporters' Club shop is imminent on the Star Lane end of the ground which, together with the new food bar on that

end, is to be funded jointly by the Alliance 2000 and the Supporters' Club.

One of our main fund-raising events is the West Park Fun Day, this year on the 19th August. We'll have our usual tombola and souvenir stall overlooking the bowling green, so please come and support us. We are always grateful for prizes, no matter how big or small. We are also hoping some of the players will turn up - they usually do.

At the risk of repeating myself, does anyone want to help with the running of the Supporters' Club? Our Committee is becoming somewhat depleted. If you want to get involved, please come along to one of our meetings. These are held at the Baths Hotel, Green Street on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm.

Get behind the lads this afternoon and make the new players really welcome. At the time of writing we haven't played Bury yet, but another result like Tranmere would do very nicely!

Dave Bettany,
Chairman.

diary dates

■ Bingo - Friday, the 17th August
8 pm in the Fiesta Bar.

■ A night at the dogs at Belle
Vue during September and a
60's disco (fancy dress optional)
during October.

■ We're going to ask Kevin Keen
to help organise a quiz/question
of sport, probably during
November; apparently he is a
dab hand at this. We don't have
dates as yet, but will let you have
details as soon as we can.

fanfile....

TWO friends wandered into the Club Shop the other week and both have supported Macc for about eight years, which is more than half the lifetime of 13-year-old Ryan Berrisford.

Ryan, like 19-year-old Christopher Wilcock, lives on the Upton Priory Estate.

Both had no doubt about their best moments following the Silkmen - promotion into the Football League in 1997, being unbeaten at home in our first season...

...And there was a special mention for Ben Sedgemore's save when he was forced to take over in goal against Rochdale two seasons ago. "We were behind the goal and saw it at close range".

Christopher's biggest disappointment came the day Sammy McIlroy left Macc to take over as Manager of Northern Ireland, while Ryan plumped for our 7-0 F.A. Cup defeat at Coventry City.

Phil Power and Darren Tinson, respectively, are the boys' all-time favourite Macc players and it is good to see the young fans taking an interest in their local team and proudly wearing our colours.

If you would like to be featured in Fanfile, just make yourself known to either the Programme Editor or his Sub and we will do the rest. Come on, don't be shy.





Mr Harry Royall and friends on his 50th birthday at the Stoke pre-season friendly.

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Tue Sep 25	Darlington	-	-
Sun Oct 7	Kidderminster Harriers	-	David Adamson
Sat Oct 20	Lincoln City	Bass Breweries	-
Tue Oct 23	Hartlepool United	-	-
Sat Nov 3	Carlisle United	James Irlam	-
Sat Nov 17	F.A. Cup 1	-	-
Sat Nov 24	Luton Town	McCann Erickson	-
Sat Dec 8	F.A. Cup 2	-	-
Sat Dec 15	Leyton Orient	-	-
Wed Dec 26	Halifax Town	-	-
Sat Dec 29	Mansfield Town	-	-
Sat Jan 12	Rochdale	Time	-
Tue Jan 22	Shrewsbury Town	-	-
Sat Feb 2	Exeter City	-	-
Sat Feb 16	Bristol Rovers	-	-
Tue Feb 26	Oxford United	-	-
Sat Mar 2	Plymouth Argyle	-	-
Sat Mar 16	Torquay United	-	-
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Sat Apr 6	Cheltenham Town	-	Beartown Blues
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Beckham and Owen in the Silkmen's team - WE thought that would make your eyes pop out!

Well, anything (well almost) is possible in Fantasy Football and Editor Bernard Jordan has entered a team, named The Silkmen, in the Daily Telegraph game and has promised to donate half of any winnings to Macclesfield Town. And the top prize for the Champions at the end of the season is £50,000, runner-up £10,000 and third £5,000.

There is also a prize of £250 for the top team each week.

Here's The Silkmen's team: Barthez (Man. U.); Harte (Leeds United), Ziege (Spurs), Melville (Fulham), Curtis (Blackburn Rovers); Beckham (Man. U.), Poyet (Spurs), Kewell (Leeds United); Hasselbaink (Chelsea), Owen (Liverpool), Saha (Fulham). Follow the team's progress each week.

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