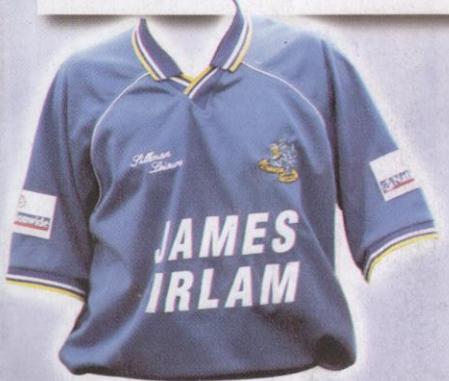


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# gil prescott

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 Eyré and Andy McAvoy were due to sign contracts earlier this week, as were keepers Steve Wilson and Steve Hodgson.

Eyré and Andy have shown us what they can do as hard-working wingers 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 Steve Burr, in charge at the Conference club, was pleased with his performance against Stafford Rangers. I see they drew 1-1 with

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*'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 Price  
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

safe  
journey  
home  
afterwards.

**Gil**

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## the swans



**CONSIDERING** that a list of former Swanside 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 Final in Sweden two years later their squad was littered with current and former Swanside players.

At centre-half was Mel Charles; Nor Allchurch, the Swans' most 'raped' player soon to join Newcastle United, was a brilliant ball-playing inside-forward, while wing-twins Terry Medwin and Cliff Jones had recently moved on to Spurs.

In 1981 Swanside 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 Swanside players in the home team - Dai Davies in goal, John Mahoney, Jeremy Charles, Alan Curtis, Leighton 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 Evans' last-minute free-kick for Northampton Town.

Two seasons ago Swanside conceded only 10 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

season, we begin our fixtures 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 scissored kick which took everybody by surprise.

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

The teams were:

**MACC:** Price; Abbey, Collins (Brown), Tinson, Rach, Durkan (Whitehead), Wood, Priest, Adey, Whittaker (Tomlinson). Subs: not used: Sedgmore, Davies.

**SWANSEA:** Freestone; O'Leary, Cusack, Smith, Bound, Price, Roberts (Appleby), Thomas, Watkin, Bird, Ioward. 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 Silverside did beat the Welsh side 3-0 at the Moss during our first season in the League in September, 1997, with Mark Gardiner, Nathan Pool and John Adey scoring our goals.



# 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.

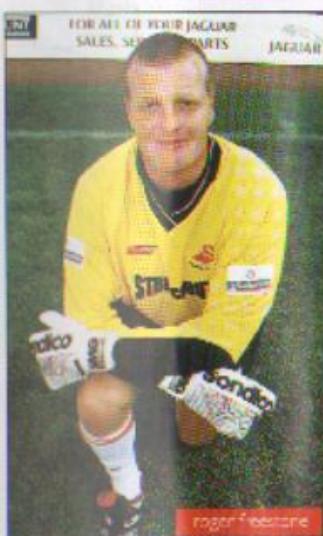
## DEFENDERS

**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



Swans 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



Kristian O'Leary

## 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 Slavia Prague 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 Argentinians 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 A.C. 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 C.A. 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.



Steve Watkin

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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 Eyré, Andy McAvoy, Kyle Lightbourne, Steve Wilson, Dave Ridder 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.

The 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.

### Shirt sponsor

In James Irlam we have a new shirt sponsor who is doing 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 'Silkmen 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 Silkmen 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 close 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





# THE McILROY SUITE AND PRESIDENTS' BAR



Over the summer months, The McIlroy Suite that has long been Eddie Furlong's dream, has now become reality and today Commercial Manager Matthew Lenton and his team are entertaining a number of guests at our first game of the season.

The McIlroy Suite has been designed to meet the needs of the local community and can be used for both business and social events. It offers a fully air conditioned bars, restaurant and a theatre style presentation area for up to 160 guests.

Bookings are already being taken for Christmas (a frightening thought in August) but, as they say, "shop early to avoid disappointment"! For local businesses, if you would like to view the facilities firsthand then please join us on Friday 24th August from 1.00pm onwards for drinks and canapés when we would be pleased to discuss your company's requirements. Please either email [commercial@mtfc.co.uk](mailto:commercial@mtfc.co.uk) or call Matthew Lenton at the Club on 01625 264693 to make your reservation.

# 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 Cheshire 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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# commercialbreak

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 "McAlpine Suite" and the "Presidents Bar" offer superb facilities to reiterate 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.

#### Match Ball Sponsor

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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It gives me great pleasure to welcome Cheshire Building Society as our new Man of the Match Sponsor.

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,  
Matthew - Commercial Manager  
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It's been a long time since Macclesfield has had its own Renault dealer but that absence came to an end in May this year when Lookers opened its new dealership on Lyme Green Business Park. The brand new one and a half million pound investment shows Lookers and Renault's commitment to providing the community with their own local dealer.

Fred Maguire - Executive Chairman of Lookers plc stated - "our company motto is "customers for life". With the building of our site on Lyme Green Business Park in Macclesfield we think we have succeeded on all counts. Our commitment is to provide our customers with the professionalism of one of the country's leading motor vehicle distributors but with the intimacy of the local dealer so often missing nowadays in the motor trade".

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## roary's roar

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

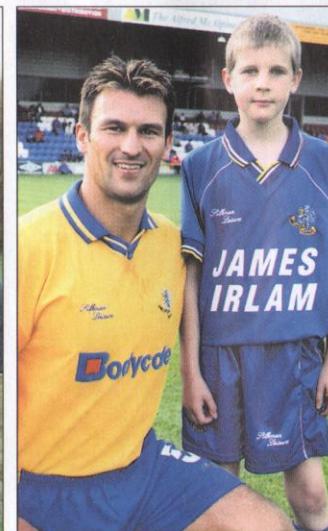
page in the programme for everyone to see and I will also send you a signed picture of ME!

### 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.

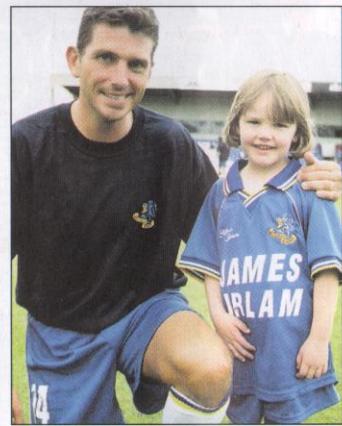
A big "Thank You" to you all for your help.

Looking forward to seeing all your pictures



## 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!!



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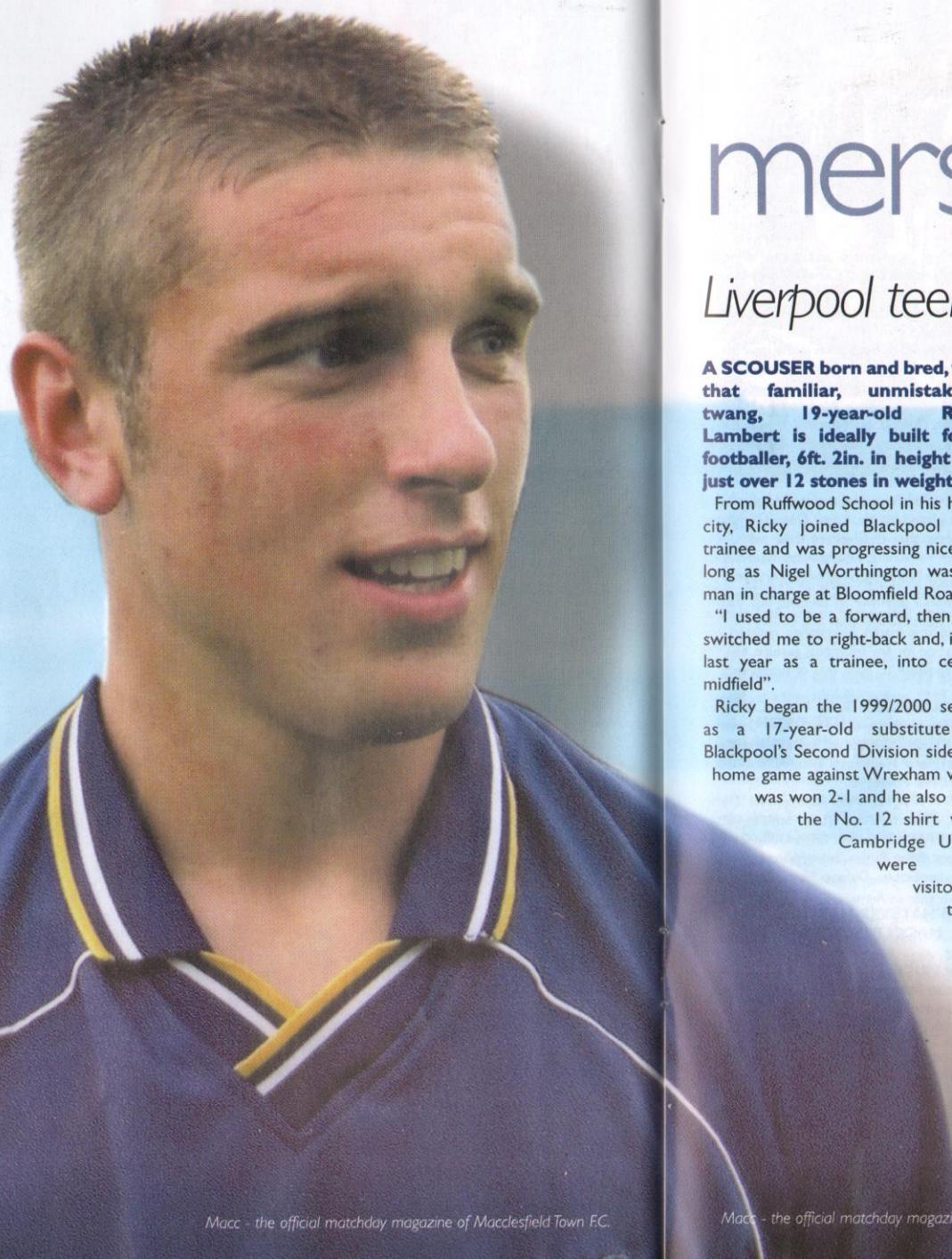
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## spot light



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# merseybeat

## *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 t h e

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..."*

# match to 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 Silkmens 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

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.

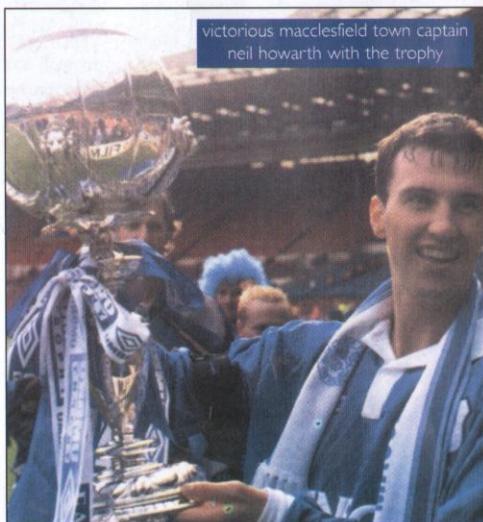
Fed by Phil Power, he sprinted 60 yards and calmly placed his shot past Dean Greygoose to settle the all-Cheshire final with nine minutes remaining. Two minutes later Derek Ward, the Northwich right-back, was sent off after committing a second bookable foul on Hemmings. Substituted in the final minute, 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



Victorious Macclesfield Town captain  
Neil Howarth with the trophy

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



Wembley celebrations!!!

**F.A. UMBRO TROPHY 1996 WINNERS**

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 Silkmens 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 Silkmens prior to joining Chesterfield in July 1999. He helped them to regain Second Division status at the first attempt last season.

**RYAN PRICE:** Experienced midfiel-

der 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 Rhyd in August 1997. He has since played for Barrow, TNS, Kingstonian, Dover Athletic, Walton & Hersham and Hampton & Richmond Borough.

**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 Silkmens prior to rejoining Crewe Alexandra on a free transfer in June 1999.

**STEVE WOOD:** Experienced midfiel-

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# a fairer point of view

**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

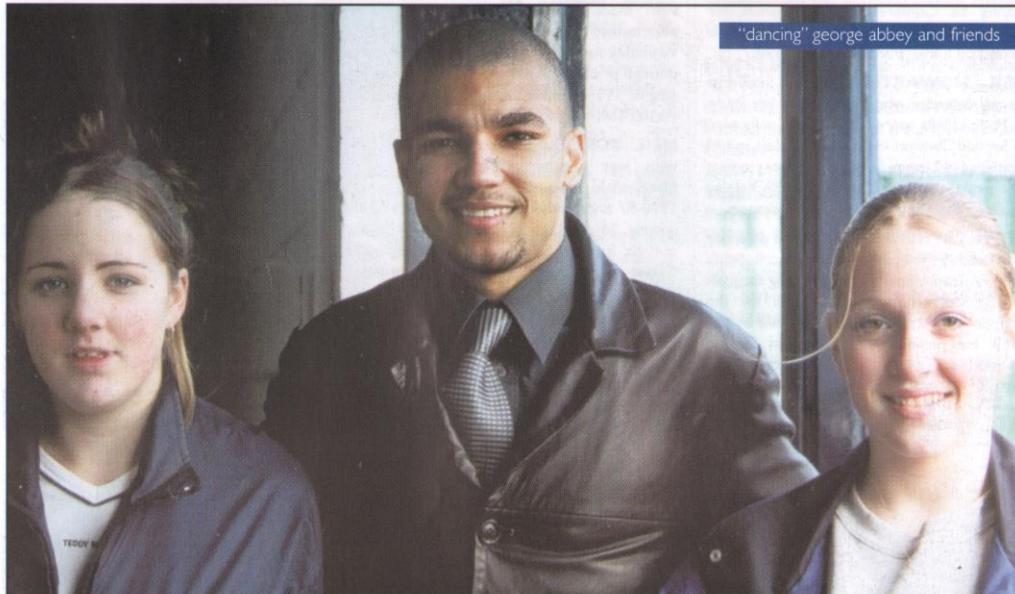
very enjoyable night.

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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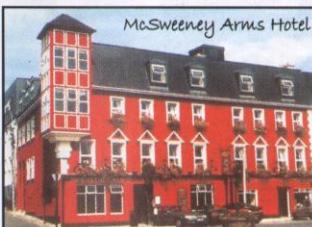
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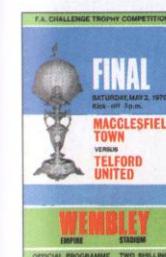
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### W H I L E

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 Silkmens' 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

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 Siewright, 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



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# 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



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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!

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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 fan's 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!

### AND ALL THE LATEST NEWS

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# in reserve

Manager John will aim to strike the right balance

## MANSFIELD HERE ON WEDNESDAY

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 Riach 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.

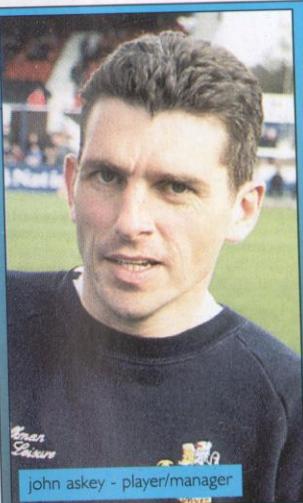
In one game in particular, apart from on-loan 'keeper Steve Wilson and 20-year-old Michael Bamber, Macc's team against at least three-quarters of whom had first team experience, was made up of trainees.

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.

## 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 Riach.....	1
Ben Sedgemore .....	1
Danny Whitaker .....	1
Matt Woolley .....	1



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Wed Aug 29 - Rochdale	A
Wed Sep 5 - HALIFAX TOWN	H
Wed Sep 12 - Chesterfield	A
Wed Oct 3 - Scarborough	A
Wed Oct 10 - HULL CITY	H
Wed Oct 17 - Kidderminster H	A
Wed Oct 31 - CARLISLE UNITED	H
Wed Nov 7 - Notts County	A
Wed Nov 14 - WIGAN ATHLETIC	H
Wed Nov 28 - Hartlepool United	A
Mon Dec 3 - Carlisle United	A
Wed Dec 12 - KIDDERMINSTER H	H
Wed Jan 9 - Mansfield Town	A
Wed Jan 16 - ROCHDALE	H
Wed Jan 30 - SCARBOROUGH	H
Wed Feb 13 - Hull City	A
Wed Feb 20 - CHESTERFIELD	H
Wed Mar 13 - Halifax Town	A
Wed Mar 20 - NOTTS COUNTY	H
Wed Mar 27 - Wigan Athletic	A
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 Beckhams 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.

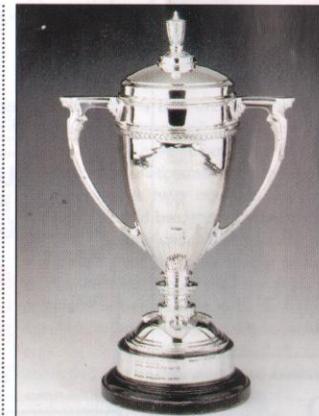
## Three new scholars looking forward to life with the Youth team

GOALKEEPER Matt Higgins, midfielder Jordan Goodeve and local striker Jon 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 Middlewich-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	
Sat Apr 13	Merit Division, Match 6	
Sat Apr 20	Merit Division, Match 7	
Sat Apr 27	Merit Division, Match 8	
Sat May 4	Merit Division, Match 9	

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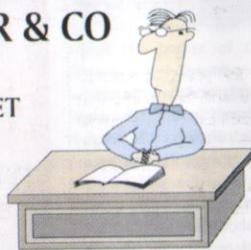
  
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# communitynews

New season, new team!



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.

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 our 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

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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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steve hitchen joins in the fun



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# actionshots

Byrne and Lightbourne are foiled by the Bury keeper



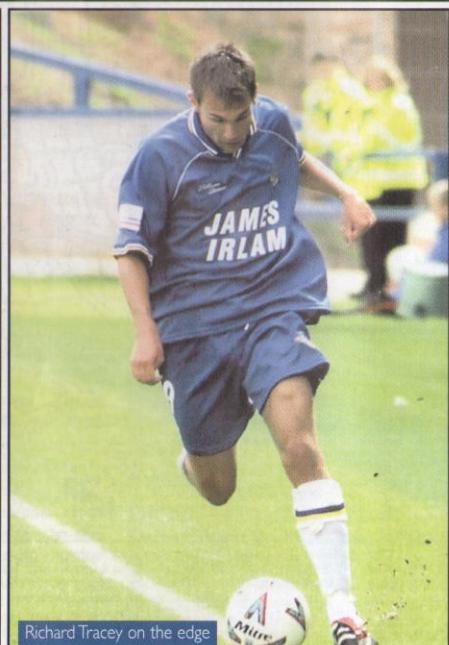
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Darren Tinson keeps an eye on the Bury No. 8



Lee Glover gets physical with a Bury defender



Richard Tracey on the edge

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# juniorblues

### 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. 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 Silkmens. Have a pleasant stay and a safe journey afterwards.

### Sign Up and become a Junior Blue!

Membership of the Junior Blues is open to juniors under the age of 16 years who were born 16th June 1985 or later. There is no lower age limit to membership. Regular News Letters will keep you up to date with events and activities during the season.

A Junior Blues Membership pack is just the ticket, especially for the exciting times ahead. We are into a New Season and with it a new way forward with the Silkmens. This season the membership fee remains the same at only £10.00.

This season we see a growing commitment from the players with the addition of Paul O'Neill and Lee Martin becoming Vice Presidents of the Junior Blues alongside 'Sir' John Askey. This is a fantastic coup for the Junior Blues and we hope to see many of the players at this season's events.

### Birthday Celebrations to Junior Blues Members!

One Junior Blue who was celebrating during the 'close season' was Paul Jefford. Paul celebrated his 21st birthday on the 27th July 2001 at the Chester Road Tavern in Macclesfield (a hot bed for Silkmens supporters!) and what a tremendous birthday party Paul had.

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 'MacIlroy' 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 Silkmens. 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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# the ladies

## excellent start for Macc!

### BUXTON LADIES I MACCLESFIELD TOWN LADIES 5

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 Gagie 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 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 Gagie, Tanya Foster, Rose  
Brown, Kim Janes.

**Player of the match:** Kathy Millward.



Kathy Millward –  
stand-in goalie and midfielder!

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# the stats



Sat Aug 11	<b>SWANSEA CITY</b>	H
Sat Aug 18	Rochdale	A
Tue Aug 21	<b>BRADFORD CITY (WC1)</b>	H
Sat Aug 25	Rushden & Diamonds	H
Mon Aug 27	Mansfield Town	A
Sat Sep 1	<b>SCUNTHORPE UNITED</b>	H
Sat Sep 8	Halifax Town	A
Sat Sep 15	<b>HULL CITY</b>	H
Tue Sep 18	Oxford United	A
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A
Tue Sep 25	<b>DARLINGTON</b>	H
Sat Sep 29	Exeter City	A
Sun Oct 7	<b>KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS</b>	H
Sat Oct 13	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Oct 20	<b>LINCOLN CITY</b>	H
Tue Oct 23	<b>HARTLEPOOL UNITED</b>	H
Sat Oct 27	York City	A
Sat Nov 3	<b>CARLISLE UNITED</b>	H
Sat Nov 10	Southend United	A
Sat Nov 17	<b>F.A. Cup 1</b>	
Tue Nov 20	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Nov 24	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	H
Sat Dec 1	Torquay United	A
Sat Dec 8	<b>F.A. Cup 2</b>	
Sat Dec 15	<b>LEYTON ORIENT</b>	H
Fri Dec 21	Shrewsbury Town	A
Wed Dec 26	<b>HALIFAX TOWN</b>	H
Sat Dec 29	<b>MANSFIELD TOWN</b>	H
Tue Jan 1	Scunthorpe United	A
Sat Jan 5	Rushden & Diamonds	A
Sat Jan 12	<b>ROCHDALE</b>	H
Sat Jan 19	Swansea City	A
Tue Jan 22	<b>SHREWSBURY TOWN</b>	H
Sat Jan 26	Kidderminster Harriers	A
Sat Feb 2	<b>EXETER CITY</b>	H
Sat Feb 9	Lincoln City	A
Sat Feb 16	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	H
Fri Feb 22	Hull City	A
Tue Feb 26	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	H
Sat Mar 2	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>	H
Tue Mar 5	Darlington	A
Sat Mar 9	Leyton Orient	A
Sat Mar 16	<b>TORQUAY UNITED</b>	H
Fri Mar 22	Hartlepool United	A
Sat Mar 30	<b>YORK CITY</b>	H
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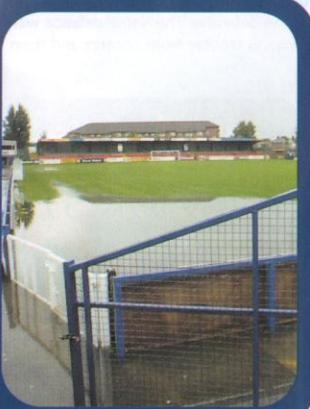


Left to right: D. Joseph (Vice-President), Mel Charles, Cliff Jones, Mrs. Colin Webster, John Charles, Mrs. Ivor Allchurch, Mel Nurse, Don Goss (Stadium Manager). What price would these players and husbands be worth today?



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## Floody Hell!



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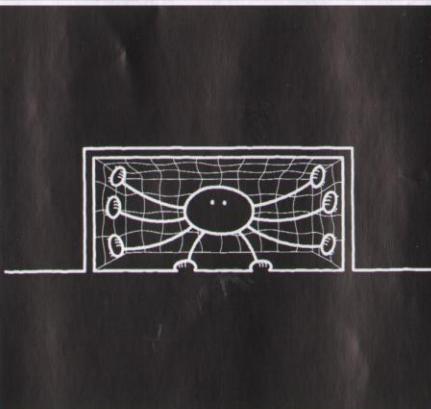
Player	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
George <b>ABBEY</b>	-	-	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Danny <b>ADAMS</b>	-	-	37	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John <b>ASKEY</b>	-	-	154	28	154	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael <b>BAMBER</b>	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris <b>BYRNE</b>	-	-	5	-	69	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shaun <b>CAME</b>	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-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

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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 details 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.

## Silkmen Match & Matchball Sponsors 2001/02

Date	Team	Match Sponsor	Matchball Sponsor
Sat Aug 11	Swansea City	Renault Minute	The Bennett Family
Tue Aug 21	Bradford City (WCI)	-	-
Sat Aug 25	Rushden & D'monds	Richard Bolton	-
Sat Sep 1	Scunthorpe United	-	-
Sat Sep 15	Hull City	AstraZeneca	-
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	-	-
Sat Mar 30	York City	-	-
Sat Apr 6	Cheltenham Town	-	Beartown Blues
Sat Apr 20	Southend United	-	-

For details of match and matchball sponsorship contact Matthew Lenton in the Commercial Office (01625 264693; [commercial@mtfc.co.uk](mailto:commercial@mtfc.co.uk))

### 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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