



# **MACCLESFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **THE LEAGUE STORY SO FAR**

### **CHAPTER 13**

#### **FAREWELL TO A GENTLE GIANT**



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This Chapter is dedicated to the late Keith Alexander and his family.

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In line with the book, this chapter concentrates on events on the field of play, although the more important off field happenings have also been included.

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## CHAPTER 13: 2009-2010

### FAREWELL TO A GENTLE GIANT

At the end of the previous chapter it was questioned whether Macclesfield supporters would be superstitious in anticipation of the club's 13<sup>th</sup> season as a member of the Football League. As events unfolded, Football League status was retained again, but it was one distressing and upsetting event which gave the season the unfortunate label of 'Unlucky Thirteen'.

#### Pre-Season

In a move to build his own team, manager Keith Alexander released 14 players, including Ahmed Deen, Francis Green, Danny Thomas, Jamie Tolley and Richard Walker, all of whom had featured regularly in the previous season. In addition, four players who had been on loan returned to their parent clubs. 14 players were signed before the start of the season including Nat Brown, Colin Daniel, Paul Morgan and Emile Sinclair, all of whom had been loan-signings during the 2008-09 season. Other players signed, who would feature regularly for the senior side, were defender Carl Tremarco, Algerian youth international Hamza Bencherif, Ross Draper, making the step-up to league football from Hednesford Town and, for his third spell with the Silkmen, Matthew Tipton. Striker Ricky Sappleton was signed on loan from Leicester City during August but his move was to be made permanent in January 2010. Defender, Matt Lowe was promoted from the youth team when he was given his first professional contract.

During the close season the annual pitch renovation took place, the home and away dressing rooms were refurbished with the help of Life President and Associate Director Roy Higginbotham, and there was the usual and very necessary stadium tidy-up. Also the previously cramped Press Box was significantly improved to accommodate up to 20 reporters.

Season Ticket holders were provided with an unprecedented number of discounts and offers in the form of a Bonus Scheme Booklet. The discounts included offers from local businesses, replica kit, Tesco Clubcard points, player kit sponsorship, hospitality in the Mcllroy Suite, together with a free meal in the Mcllroy Suite and a complimentary copy of the book *Macclesfield Town Football Club – The League Story so far*.

Training moved to the new base at the Egerton Youth Club in Knutsford which includes a 3G artificial pitch, changing rooms, a sports hall, a small gymnasium, a self contained physio/treatment room and facilities for players to dine after training.

Some new regulations were introduced, including increasing the number of substitutes to a maximum of seven, but the rule that only three can be used in a match remained in force. A full sized set of warm-up goals had to be provided for goalkeepers, and a spare set of match-ready goalposts and goal nets were to be available in case of any breakage during a match. In essence, the 'warm-up' goalposts and nets were used as the spare set. In addition, clubs were given a five year timescale to increase the maximum lux for floodlights from 300 to 500 lux.



**Weight Training Room at the Egerton Training Ground**

At their Annual General meeting, Football League clubs voted to introduce new financial regulations relating to tax payments. There had been a practice for clubs to defer payment to HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) but, in future, any club which falls behind with its employee related payments to HMRC will be subject to a transfer embargo until such time as the debt is cleared.

Patrick Nelson, the Chief Executive of the club, moved to the post of Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland FA in Belfast. During his time at the Moss Rose, Patrick worked hard to put the club on a sound financial footing and brought a level of professionalism to the Club behind the scenes. The club will be ever grateful to chairman Mike Rance who then took on many of the Chief Executive duties on a voluntary basis, in addition to his important role as chairman.

### **Friendly Matches**

In line with his policy of match experience being an essential part of pre-season preparation, Keith Alexander arranged 10 matches including league opposition. However, the first three matches were against non-League sides. A 0-0 draw at Corby Town was followed by the annual trip to Buxton where a young side, including four trialists, won by a single goal. Previous FA Cup opponents Alfreton Town were the next stop, where a goal in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute gave the non-League side victory.

The first league opposition at the Moss Rose was Middlesbrough when Macclesfield enjoyed a good first half but could not convert their chances. For the second half the visitors changed most of their side and gave a much better performance, initially benefiting from a fortunate penalty on which they built, scoring a further two goals. Up next at the Moss Rose were Oldham Athletic and



an opportunity to welcome back Danny Whitaker. Kick-off was delayed from 19.30 to 19.45 because of a torrential downpour. The Silkmen performed well throughout this match, but it was the visitors who took an early first half lead. A triple second half substitution for the Silkmen quickly paid dividends when Ross Draper equalised. However, it was Oldham who went home the victors when they scored with almost the last kick of the match.

At Rainworth Miners Welfare goals by Matthew Flynn and Colin Daniel earned a 2-2 draw and two days later, having played a Liverpool XI the previous evening, Tranmere Rovers brought a young side to the Moss Rose but they provided good competition. This was an entertaining match with Macclesfield often shooting on sight, but it was Hamza Bencherif who converted a pin-point corner from Carl Tremarco with a bullet header which turned out to be the winning strike.

The final home match of the friendlies was against Huddersfield Town who won 3-0. Match reporter Andy Brinkhurst summed up the match well when he said *'League One Huddersfield's class was clear to see on a few occasions and killed off a Silkmen side still getting together'*. A fair comment after so many changes had taken place to the playing staff.

In the previous season Keith Alexander was up-beat about the side pressing for the play-offs, but another relegation battle had followed. After the match against Huddersfield he adopted a more cautious approach when he said *'I think we've got good people in the squad. Overall, we've got a better type of personality than we had 12 months ago. Only time will tell how we fare, and whether we can improve on last season's performance. Our first priority is to make sure we get enough points to stay in the division and that Macclesfield are in the Football League at the end of the season'*.

The last three friendly matches provided a mix of results. A young Silkmen side faced a much stronger and older Boston side who ran out easy winners 6-1. The senior side were victorious at Northwich Victoria 3-0, with goals from Ross Draper, Matthew Tipton and Colin Daniel. The youngsters completed the pre-season matches with a 3-3 draw at Arnold Town.

### Media Coverage

Canalside Community Radio continued to provide the club with excellent media coverage with a one-hour show each Thursday before a home match. In addition, there was Saturday coverage for home matches, with a show hosted by Nick Wright in the studio connected to an outside broadcast link in the McIlroy Suite. There were 10-15 minute segments of live broadcasts during each home match and, after the match, a results service followed by guests and fans commenting live-on-air on the afternoon's game. This facility hit problems during October when it came to light that Canalside Community Radio had been broadcasting on an incorrect licence, such that the live match updates were stopped, but Silk FM continued their separate live updates. The Saturday facility from the McIlroy Suite ceased at the end of December when the Silkmen Supporters' Trust representatives stepped down from match day duties. Ray Bamford continued with his match commentaries for Silkmen Player throughout the season.

## SEASON REVIEW

### August

Without a home tie on the opening day since August 2003, there seemed to be some injustice that the Silkmen were drawn away, yet again, for the opening match of the season. This time Northampton, relegated the previous season and fancied for a strong promotion push, were the opponents. Five players made their debut for the Silkmen – Hamza Bencherif, Paul Bolland, Carl Tremarco, Ben Wright and, also making his Football League debut, Ross Draper. The line-up was: Brain, Tremarco, Morgan, Bencherif, Brisley, Bolland, Daniel, Draper, Rooney, Wright, Sinclair with Tipton and Reid second half substitutes. Veiga, Flynn, Bell, Kirk and Wilson were the unused substitutes. Macclesfield came away with a creditable point in a goalless draw. This match saw Macclesfield become second only to Wycombe Wanderers for continuous membership of the Football League since automatic promotion was introduced, displacing Scarborough. However, Barnet have spent more seasons as members of the Football League, but their membership was broken when they spent four years in the Conference.

The home campaign started with a 4-0 defeat by controversially funded Notts County with former England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson as Director of Football, who was teased by a group of Ulrika Jonsson impersonators in the crowd. The Notts County team included Lee Hughes (who in our Conference days played for Kidderminster Harriers) and on the bench was future Silkman Matt Hamshaw.

**Ulrika Jonsson lookalikes  
at the Notts County match**



Better was to come in the next home match against Port Vale when kick-off was delayed 15 minutes so that the 2139 visiting fans could pass through the turnstiles. Macclesfield performed well and settled into the game quickly with an early goal from Matthew Tipton. Throughout this match the Silkmen won and passed the ball well and looked the hungrier of the two sides. A second half goal from Hamza Bencherif sealed victory.

Next, was a visit to Morecambe, where the Silkmen took a 2-1 second half lead only to see Morecambe's David Artell score a late equaliser. The month ended with a home 3-1 defeat by Rotherham who notched up their fourth victory of the campaign. Cape Verde international Jose Veiga was given his debut in goal and Matthew Tipton scored the only goal but the Silkmen were left rueing missed chances. Still with five points on the board and a League position of 19<sup>th</sup>, it was hoped that this was a platform on which to build.

## September

The first ever League encounter with Crewe Alexander took place at Gresty Road. Calvin Zola, who was to complete the season as Crewe's top-scorer, opened the scoring with Ricky Sappleton equalising for the Silkmen. Later a Billy Jones' free-kick crashed off the underside of the cross bar, was deemed not to have crossed the line whereas subsequent video evidence showed differently. This was a piece of good fortune for the Silkmen, something which has often eluded them. But it was another late goal which gave Crewe a 2-1 victory.

A 1-1 draw with Barnet at the Moss Rose saw Ricky Sappleton on the score sheet again. This was a black day for the club with the lowest attendance for a League match since promotion of 1125 (but worse was to come). In addition, the courier failed to deliver the matchday programmes. Chesterfield won the next match, scoring their four goals in the first half. Hamza Bencherif scored a consolation goal and, but for Jose Veiga making a string of fine saves, the score could have been much worse.

Then came the month's only win. Torquay were the visitors and Jon Brain was reinstated in goal. After a dull first half, Torquay took an early second half lead but this galvanised Macclesfield into action. Hamza Bencherif, who was turning out to be an extremely influential player in the side, scored two goals to win the match. As part of the club's work in the community, numerous young children had been invited to the ground following the commercial manager's visits to schools, and they filled the pitch at half time enjoying a kick-a-bout.

In their first-ever League match with Burton Albion, Macclesfield had to be content with a point in a 1-1 draw, and found themselves without a win on the road to date. Burton have a uniquely sized programme in that it is much smaller than any other publication, with much of the text in small type making it difficult to read for some of us! By the end of the month the number of points doubled to ten, but the team dropped one place to 20<sup>th</sup>.

## October

This month saw the players involved in work in the community. A regular week-long competition was introduced at the local Sainsbury's store, with prizes on offer of a signed shirt, signed ball, adult match tickets and an opportunity to be a match day mascot. In addition, match tickets were given away to under 16s. At the beginning of the month, players Shaun Hessey, John Rooney and Matthew



Representative matchday poster

Tipton spent an hour in-store signing autographs and giving out Silkmen/Coca-Cola goodie bags. Also a Healthy Eating Campaign was launched, with Matthew Tipton and Paul Bolland visiting St Barnabas school, followed by a weekly teach-in at the Moss Rose with pupils from Malborough County Primary School attending the first session. Elsewhere, Shaun Hessey and Izak Reid opened the new facilities for dementia patients at the Weston Care Home. It was good to see the involvement of players in the community, a practice which appeared to fall away in the middle noughties.

October proved to be slightly more fruitful on the football front. A low ball from Colin Daniel was turned past his own 'keeper by former loanee-Silkman Jeff Smith, to give Macclesfield their first away win of the season at troubled Darlington who were at the foot of the table without a win either home or away. In the home match against Lincoln, the visitors took all three points with a single



goal following a questionable penalty decision but, again, the Silkmen did not help their cause by failing to convert their chances. InterMacc youngsters were guests at this match and it was good to see Gerald Sinstadt, former Match of the Day commentator, visiting the Moss Rose. Involved with the Staffs FA, he and his friend try to visit as many local League clubs as they can each season. In order to advertise matches as widely as possible for this and other matches, a poster was provided for display in businesses throughout the town.

At Cheltenham, two first half goals from Ricky Sappleton and John Rooney ensured a second away win despite the home side pulling a goal back in the second half. For trivia fans – in the Silkmen's 13<sup>th</sup> Football League season this was the 13<sup>th</sup> League match of the season, the 13<sup>th</sup> occasion we had played Cheltenham and it was the first Football League victory at Whaddon Road.

High flying Dagenham & Redbridge were the next visitors to the Moss Rose. Early season top-scorers Matthew Tipton, with a penalty, and Ricky Sappleton put the Silkmen in command after the visitors had been reduced to 10 men early in the first half. However, a combination of the dismissal of Matthew Tipton, and poor defending, coupled with an unfortunate penalty decision to the visitors, saw Dagenham score two goals to grab a share of the points. Both sides had the opportunity to win this match, with Macclesfield hitting the woodwork on four occasions, and Dagenham hitting the post following a last gasp free-kick following a challenge by Ross Draper which had resulted in a brawl involving most of the players. This match saw the introduction of a new PA announcer in

Ricky Sappleton, season joint top-scorer, in action



Neil Boothby. A Dagenham & Redbridge stag party enjoyed the facilities of the McIlroy Suite with the groom as the match mascot! It was also the Football Leagues' Kick-it-out racism day.

The final match of the month saw a repeat performance of the previous match when Colin Daniel and Hamza Bencherif gave the Silkmen a first half lead against visitors Bradford City, only to see them score two goals in the second half to take a share of the points. This was the Macclesfield Town Ladies' Football Club annual day at the Moss Rose, with players on the pitch at half-time giving a display of their football skills. With a total of 18 points there was a slight improvement in the League position to 18<sup>th</sup>.

## November

With the FA Cup competition commencing in November there were only three League matches. Goalkeeper Jon Brain always seems to pull out all the stops against Aldershot Town, and our visit there was no different when he made several superb saves to ensure that the Silkmen shared the points in an otherwise uninspiring 0-0 draw.

For the only home match of the month, the Silkmen entertained AFC Bournemouth in blustery conditions. Jon Brain saved an early penalty but, against the run of play, Shaun Brisley gave the Silkmen the lead. Unfortunately, the visitors equalised on the stroke of half-time. In the second half, the Silkmen were playing into the wind and Jon Brain was under pressure throughout having to kick many back passes into the wind. It was yet another example of the home side failing to convert their chances and they were punished when Bournemouth scored the winning goal 12 minutes from time.

It was the theme of this stage of the season that chances continued to go begging with the 0-0 home draw against Grimsby no different. However, Macclesfield were unlucky when the Grimsby 'keeper took the ball a foot over the line and the 'goal' was not allowed. By now 20 points had been accumulated in 19<sup>th</sup> position.

During the month Half Season tickets were on sale starting with the Crewe game on 28 December. Adults received a copy of *The League Story so far* and the offer of a home replica shirt for £10 with children receiving a kit bag.

## December

There was a disastrous start to the month. Top-of-the-table Rochdale ran out 3-0 winners at Spotland, but the position was made worse when one of the most consistent performers of the season to date and current top-scorer, Hamza Bencherif broke his ankle, an injury which was to keep him out of contention for the remainder of the season. Also Shaun Brisley was dismissed for a professional foul.

But much better news followed in the 3-1 home win against Hereford United, giving Jon Brain good reason to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> League appearance for the Silkmen. Emile Sinclair scored two of the goals, the first using his trademark speedy run over 30 yards and then a fierce dipping shot from 20 yards which the Hereford 'keeper could only parry onto the inside of his post. After 20 League



Midfielder Paul Bolland  
who was Man of the  
Match and goalscorer  
against Crewe Alexander

matches, striker Ben Wright scored his first goal of the season. The victory gave Macclesfield their first League win since 16 October and their first home victory since 26 September.

A sign of things to come in one of the worst winters in recent times, saw the match on 19 December at Bury postponed due to parts of the ground being frozen.

On Boxing Day at Shrewsbury, Carl Tremarco missed converting a penalty but the match bizarrely came to life in the three minutes of time added on at the end of the first half. First Nat Brown scored for Macclesfield, just after Shrewsbury equalised but then Colin Daniel gave Macclesfield a 2-1 lead to take into the interval. Macclesfield should have won this match but in a season of goals not given, the officials failed to note that a Ben Wright shot had crossed the line but worse was to come when Shrewsbury equalised in the 96<sup>th</sup> minute. In this match full-back Izak Reid achieved his 100<sup>th</sup> career appearance.



Preceding the match on 28 December, a group of supporters worked hard to remove the covers and drain the pitch to ensure that the match could proceed. Supporters were treated to one of, if not the best, performance of the season when Macclesfield put four goals (including three before half-time) past Crewe Alexandra who only managed a solitary goal scored by Calvin Zola. Ben Wright was on the score sheet again to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> career appearance, with the other goals coming from midfielders Paul Bolland and Colin Daniel, and striker Ricky Sappleton. Shaun Hessey celebrated his 200<sup>th</sup> career League appearance and Colin Daniel notched up his 50<sup>th</sup> career appearance. Supporters certainly thought that the tide was turning, and with seven points gained in the month, a total of 27 points gave the Silkmen 17<sup>th</sup> position.

During the month the club issued their vision for a new stadium, stating that the club had taken a step closer to its ambition of moving to a new home having held discussions with both Cheshire East Council and a major developer about the construction of a new community-focused stadium in the South Macclesfield Area. The proposed stadium had already been included as a Base Training Camp in the Manchester's Host City bid for the 2018 World Cup. The club's vision includes:-

- A stadium with a capacity for 7000 spectators.
- A flexible arts and entertainment space providing exhibition and conferencing capability with potential to house a 750 seat theatre-style venue for concerts, touring theatre etc.
- Accommodation for local community activities
- Development of the adjacent landfill site for leisure including much needed sports facilities.
- Utilisation of the stadium as a renewable source of energy.
- Associated developments on the South Macclesfield site should be compatible with the multiuse stadium vision, utilising car parking and associated infrastructure.
- The development should be planned as a part of a sustainable development of the town as a whole – compatible, not competitive, with the town centre with the intent of making Macclesfield a more vibrant place to live and visit.

## January

The year started badly with the postponement of the first five matches due to extremely cold weather resulting in frozen pitches. These included the home match against Morecambe, the away match at Notts County and for a second time the away match at Bury. The away match with Accrington Stanley was postponed so that they could play their already postponed 3<sup>rd</sup> round FA Cup match. Prior to the home match against Northampton Town, a huge effort was made by staff, youth team players and supporters to clear the snow which was achieved, but a thaw caused the ground to be waterlogged although even the day before it was thought that as the pitch drained well, the match would probably still go ahead, however, after an early Saturday morning pitch inspection, the match had to be called off because the Moss Lane corner was waterlogged.

The Northampton match was re-arranged for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to avoid clashing with Champions League matches, prior to which Keith Alexander had signed a contract extension to stay at the club until the summer of 2012. Nevertheless, on a bitterly cold night the attendance was only 1035, including 144 hardy souls from Northampton, which is the lowest League gate at the Moss Rose since





**Defender Carl Tremarco  
one of the players out of  
action in February**

promotion in August 1997. The momentum gained in December had been lost due to the disruption, and Macclesfield were not at the races in this match which Northampton won 2-0.

Having been signed on Christmas Eve, Craig Lindfield eventually made his debut for the club in the 0-0 draw at Port Vale. And Craig scored the first goal in the rearranged match with Morecambe at the Moss Rose where there was another very low attendance, this time 1046 including 127 Morecambe fans. Macclesfield deserved their 1-0 half-time lead but Morecambe produced a stunning second half, storming into a 2-1 lead, but Ricky Sappleton rescued a point with an 83<sup>rd</sup> minute 20-yard volley. After this match Ricky converted his loan to an eighteen month permanent contract.

In this stop-start opening to the year, the next match at Rotherham was postponed at the extremely late time of 13.00 due to a frozen pitch, when many Macclesfield fans were either well on their way to the match, or had already arrived in Sheffield close to the Don Valley Stadium where Rotherham play their home matches until such time as they can move to a new stadium. The two points gained this month ensured that the Silkmen remained in 17<sup>th</sup> position.

## February

During February players were again involved in the community. Visits were made to Park Royal, Upton Priory and Bollington Cross schools with Ben Wright

attending the re-launch celebrations at the AMC Bowling Alley at Lyme Green. Shrewsbury Town took all three points with a smash and grab single goal, a disappointing result considering that the Silkmen dominated the first half.

By this stage of the season, the number of players out of contention through injury was mounting. Amongst them were Hamza Bencherif, who was a long way from recovery from his broken ankle, Ross Draper had been out recovering from a double hernia repair, Ricky Sappleton had been in and out of side throughout the season with various problems, and Carl Tremarco was recovering from a hernia repair but then suffered a groin problem. To cover the shortage of players, experienced midfielder Richard Butcher was signed on loan from Lincoln City for a month, and went straight into the team for the next match at Bury.

This was the third attempt to play this match at Gigg Lane. Richard Butcher opened the scoring in the first half with a deflected shot, but the home side equalised from the penalty spot only three minutes later. But the Silkmen were left counting the cost when they had a penalty claim turned down and Bury's winning second half strike appeared to have come from an off-side position to give Bury their sixth straight win.

Since their return to the Football League, Accrington Stanley have become something of a bogey team to Macclesfield. At least the Silkmen took a point in the goalless draw at the Moss Rose. Manager Keith Alexander missed this match as during the previous week he had been suffering from hiccups, and was given medication on the previous Thursday to which he had a reaction, resulting in him staying in hospital overnight. On the morning of the match he was feeling unwell and remained at home.

**Izak Reid and Sean Hessey  
challenge the referee after  
Bournemouth's  
controversial goal**





At Bournemouth, Macclesfield took the lead in the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute when Nat Brown headed home Lee Bell's powerful free-kick but the Cherries equalised late in the match much to Keith Alexander's fury when Izak Reid had been pushed off the ball in the run-up for the goal. For his protestations, Keith Alexander was sent to the stands. Unfortunately, Emile Sinclair missed an easy chance in the second half when he could have won the match for Macclesfield.

A visit to struggling Grimsby Town produced another 1-1 draw, on this occasion Macclesfield came from behind when loanee Richard Butcher scored his second goal. High flying Rochdale came to the Moss Rose on a fine but cold afternoon and took all three points through a freak goal. After a melee round the goal, Chris O'Grady prodded the ball towards the goal, which Jon Brain saved only for the ball to rebound off the chest of defender Nat Brown into the net. Earlier in the day, Keith Alexander had given his backing to Cheshire East Council's 'Love Food Hate Waste' campaign roadshow outside the Town Hall alongside celebrity Chef Richard Fox.

Only picking up three points from the six matches in February the Silkmen slipped to 21<sup>st</sup> position with 32 points.

## March

The re-arranged match at Notts County from 9 January took place on Tuesday 2 March. There was a full match commentary by BBC Radio Manchester with commentator Ian Cheeseman very complimentary on Macclesfield's style of play, but as the match progressed he became frustrated with their ineffectiveness in the last third of the pitch. Notts County took an early lead which they held to win the match, leaving Macclesfield without a win for 10 consecutive matches. Prior to the match, Chairman Mike Rance was interviewed on the radio in which, amongst other issues, he emphasised that clubs in our League were not organised on a level playing field and because of this gained an unfair advantage. After the match Keith Alexander undertook all the usual post-match interviews and gave a lift home to players.

Mike Rance tells the story that he had taken the papers relating to Keith's dismissal at Bournemouth to Notts County, but forgot to obtain Keith's signature. After the match he telephoned Keith at home asking him to ensure that he got to a fax machine early the next day so that the papers could be submitted. To this day Mike rues not obtaining Keith's signature.

Unfortunately later Keith collapsed and was taken to hospital where he was put on a life-support machine which was turned off on the morning of Wednesday 3 March 2010. The first that many supporters learnt of Keith's untimely death at the age of 53 was the announcement on the official web site. His passing was headline news on every news programme on radio and television. To everyone this was just unbelievable news.

Immediately an overwhelming number of tributes started to flow into the club (as did some extremely untimely applications for the manager's job). A book of condolence was opened at the club in an appropriately laid out area, with a photograph of Keith, floral tributes from fans and a packet of Keith's favourite biscuits. On-line books of condolence were available from the club, the fans web site, the Macclesfield Express and many others. Floral and other tributes from fans of all the clubs where Keith had been manager were displayed on the London Road terrace.

But it was not just the volume of tributes ( it was said that there had been over 12,000 entries on Facebook alone), but the fact that they came from not only the ordinary fans but also from those in authority and those working professionally at all levels of football, the rich, the famous and the not so famous. National, regional and local newspapers all contained many columns reviewing Keith's career and paying respect to him. No one at the Moss Rose realised until this time how highly thought of Keith was throughout the whole of the game. Below are three representative fans' tributes to Keith:-

*'As an ardent Grimsby Town fan I was devastated to hear of Keith's passing. I still clearly remember not only his massive contribution to the club and football as a player but also the way he conducted himself on and off the pitch. Completely unpretentious and a thoroughly decent bloke who treated everyone with courtesy and respect regardless of who they were.'*

*'Keith Alexander was a true gentleman and an absolute legend of lower league football, there are very few people like him in the game.'*

*'What an immense shock. Keith was a really great man, he always had time for ordinary supporters even when they were giving him grief from London Road [at the Moss Rose]. He always had a smile. The comments from football supporters all over the country show just what a loss this is. He has done a tremendous job at Macc with little money and small gates.'*

On the evening of his passing, England played a friendly match against Egypt when all the England players wore black armbands as a tribute to Keith.

With a Coca-Cola League Two match due to be played only days later at Hereford, a decision had to be taken whether the match should go ahead or not. The wishes of the Alexander family were that it should proceed. Instead of travelling to Hereford the day before the match, the team and directors had a meal in the McIlroy Suite on the Friday evening with the players staying at the Premier Lodge overnight and travelling to Hereford on the day of the match.

211 Macclesfield fans travelled to this emotional match. The players came out for the warm-up in tops inscribed 'Rest in Peace Gaffer' which they threw into the crowd. A minute's silence was held before the match. Macclesfield, now with Keith Alexander's former assistant Gary Simpson installed as caretaker manager, threw themselves into the match taking the lead in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute when Ricky Sappleton curled a shot passed the Hereford 'keeper. In the second half, Emile Sinclair weaved his way through the Hereford defence and scored a fine individual goal. The 2-0 victory was the Silkmen's first in 2010 and Nat Brown made his 250<sup>th</sup> career appearance. At the end of the match, both players and directors went to the Macclesfield fans with the home fans remaining to applaud. On this day, at matches from Premier League down to Coca-Cola League 2, all players wore black armbands, as did some of the match officials and there was either a minute's silence or applause.

On the following Tuesday, the team travelled to Accrington where they gained a point in a 1-1 draw, their first ever point at the Fraser Eagle Stadium. Matthew Lowe made his Football League debut in the fourth of six minutes of time added on, and Matthew Tipton scored his 50<sup>th</sup> League goal for Macclesfield from the penalty spot.



For the officials and staff at the club the following week was a hectic time with preparations for the forthcoming match and Keith's funeral. During this week Delroy Alexander spoke of the overwhelming response and support his family had received.

*'To many of you, Keith was a legend, a larger than life personality that represented football in the best of ways. To us he was family and simply a fantastic brother.*

*For as long as I can remember, Keith has been an inspirational figure in my life. Not just because he was the kind of brother that would always look out for me, get me tickets to games and always borrow me cash if I needed it. He exemplified so much that I strive to be, his wit and charm, affable approach to life and confident demeanour underpinning a sensitive and thoughtful man.*

*Frankly, we have been overwhelmed by the volume of support, condolences and appreciation of his talents from fans, friends and colleagues. So many of you have shared vivid memories with us, his indelible smile etched deep into your subconscious.*

*From all of the Alexander family, we thank you. Thank you for your best wishes and caring, your support in these difficult times and your constant reminders of what a remarkable person Keith was. We want to assure you that his memory continues to guide us and it is fitting that we are joined in celebration of Keith's life this Saturday – Match Day – that day of the week he joyously spent a lifetime planning for and looking forward to.*

*As he watches over us with a wry smile, I am sure he would have been heartened and buoyed by the huge outpouring. On the very morning of his passing, myself and my sister Nova were due to sign an agreement that would have seen Keith's talents aired on a broader canvas.*

*We were scheduled to conclude an agreement with the St Lucia Football Association to see the Sacred Sports Foundation he was instrumental in founding agree to run youth development programmes for the Caribbean island of St Lucia. A former St Lucia national team player, his programmes catering to as many as 1,200 talented and disadvantaged youth.*

*Keith designed a comprehensive football development programme, which as part of his lasting legacy will have a tremendous impact on a new generation.*

*As chairman of the Foundation and his youngest brother, I am proud to say Keith's legacy lives on with us and with you.*

*Again, thank you all from the Alexander family, we salute you!*

Then the day dawned for all Macclesfield fans to pay their respects when Bury were the visitors on Saturday 13 March 2010. The fans floral tributes had been moved to the turnstile end of the London Road terrace, with that gate opened between 12.20 and 13.45 so that any fans wishing to place further tributes could do so. Under a gazebo, close by, there was a book of condolence on a table adorned with flowers and a photograph of Keith.



Tributes to Keith Alexander





Chairman Mike Rance

Before the match, in celebration of the fact that Keith always wore a baseball hat, caps with words 'Hats of to Keith', were sold and worn at the match with the profits going to a memorial fund for Keith. Wreaths were placed in the centre circle on either side of the centre-line, 'KEITH', 'POSH', a wreath with the inscription 'Keith Alexander his spirit lives on' and a bouquet of flowers, and how appropriate it was the letter 'I' in the wreath 'KEITH' was placed exactly on the centre-spot.

All the office and catering staff lined up on the McAlpine stand side of the pitch and after the players' Respect handshake there was a minute's applause. 53 white doves, one for each year of Keith's life, were released after which wreaths were laid at the home dug-out by representatives of all the clubs where Keith had been manager. BBC Radio Manchester presented their afternoon sports programme direct from the Moss Rose.

Macclesfield's team of Brain, Brisley, Hessey, Brown, Morgan, Bell, Draper, Sinclair (Lowe), Rooney, Daniel (Lindfield) and Wright did Keith Alexander proud. Bury had enjoyed a good run in the League but they looked out of sorts in this match, and the dismissal of Ryan Lowe towards the end of the first half did not help their cause. The Silkmen capitalised on Bury's lack of form, with a goal in each half from Ben Wright and Craig Lindfield, giving the home side a well deserved victory.

Two days later, Keith's life was celebrated at a full Lincoln Cathedral. Those attending included officials and supporters from all the clubs Keith had been connected with, together with many others, including well known people in the football world. This was yet another demonstration of the high regard in which Keith was held. A private burial followed.

During the service, Mike Rance gave the following eulogy:-



*Let me start by offering my deepest sympathy to Keith's family and in particular to Helen and the children on their tragic loss.*

*Unsurprisingly, when Keith arrived at Moss Rose in February 2008 we were in a bit of trouble and he had just 48 hours to prepare for an important game against fellow strugglers, Notts County.*

*He worked with the squad for a couple of sessions and made his decisions.*

*Before the game we learned that he'd decided to play an untried 17 year old Youth Team player at the centre of our defence. Eyebrows were raised in the Board Room but we drew 1-1, stopped leaking goals and started winning games.*

*We'd appointed the right man; a man who was very good at his job.*

*The player making his debut was Shaun Brisley. Shaun is still a teenager but has now played more than 80 games for us. He was voted our man of the match after our win against Bury last Saturday – playing out of position but giving his all for the big man – just one of the many people who have had their lives enhanced by Keith Alexander. Keith was a pleasure to work with, professional and pragmatic. He understood the limitations of the game at our level and clearly relished the challenge of beating the odds.*

*He had a rare ability to put people at ease. He always found time for a chat and his charm and wit made him a great ambassador for the game. Even on the touchline he didn't hide. His relationship with fans both home and away was one of mutual respect – a respect that has been reflected in the enormous and sympathetic response to his untimely death.*

*He was proud and confident, committed and loyal – loyal to the club and in particular to his players.*

*It was Keith's work with people that separated him from the crowd. He knew when to comfort and when to cajole. He trusted his judgement and his players respected him all the more for that.*

*He understood that in any walk of life but especially in football, the team is greater than the individual.*

*Let there be no doubt – Keith Alexander's teams were **his** teams and their ability to gel was no accident. He worked extremely hard on the chemistry.*

*And, of course he was black.*

*History will record that he was a true trailblazer as a black manager and there's no doubt that his impact as a role model for the many black players in the modern game is a legacy of which to be proud.*

*The paradox is that, so successful has he been at breaking down the barriers, the very concept of there being barriers at all seems an irrelevance. The world of football today is mourning the passing of a great contributor to the game – no further qualification is required.*

*Bill Shankly was wrong. This man was more important than the game he chose as his canvas but it is the game and its participants that will bear his mark.*

*In the midst of the tragedy of the last few days it's been heart-warming to see his players, both past and current, together, mourning his passing and celebrating his life.*

*He will be sorely missed, but through the memories those young men and all of those many people whose lives he touched – his spirit will live on.*

At Dagenham & Redbridge, Lee Bell gave the Silkmen the lead, but high-flying Daggers upped the pace and scored three goals (and had two disallowed) to end the Silkmen's three-match unbeaten run. A second defeat came at Rotherham (the match having been postponed from January) when the home side took the lead at a time when Carl Tremarco was off the field having treatment, but Ben Wright equalised 13 minutes later. In the second half, when it looked as though the Silkmen would earn a useful point, the officials contrived to award Rotherham a penalty to give them the lead which they extended with a third goal. In this match Jon Brain made his 200<sup>th</sup> career appearance and Paul Morgan his 300<sup>th</sup> career League appearance.

The final match of an emotional rollercoaster of a month saw Cheltenham Town visiting the Moss Rose. This was a lack-lustre affair and included a penalty miss after Lee Bell had wrestled the ball from Craig Linfield. Over the season as a whole, Macclesfield failed to convert any of their penalties when Matthew Tipton was



First year professional  
Matt Lowe



not on the pitch. Just when it looked as though the match would end goalless, the Cheltenham 'keeper failed to hold a Lee Bell shot, allowing Ben Wright to nip in and score to give the Silkmen three valuable points, especially as they were in 20<sup>th</sup> position with 42 points.

## April

By now Matt Lowe, who was in his first year as a professional and had warmed the bench until now, had become a regular in the starting line-up, made good use of his Rory Delap type throw-ins and gave some very solid performances. In the first home match of the month Aldershot were the visitors, Macclesfield rued yet another penalty miss, on this occasion by John Rooney. Nat Brown gave the Silkmen an early lead but what looked like another soft penalty gave the visitors a share of the points. A useful win at Bradford then followed, with goals from Emile Sinclair and a fourth in six matches from Ben Wright, gave the Silkmen a 2-1 victory, their first over the Bantams. A second away win came at Barnet when Emile Sinclair gave the Silkmen a second half lead. However, most of the match

action came just before the final whistle when Lee Bell scored in the 89th minute only to see Barnet pull a goal back straight from the kick-off, leaving a tense four minutes of time added on. This was an important victory as all the teams around Macclesfield in table had won their matches.

A fast moving, end-to-end encounter provided an entertaining game when Burton were the visitors. Nat Brown gave Macclesfield a third minute lead but it was an unfortunate own goal by Matthew Tipton which meant that the sides shared the points. The day after this midweek match, it was announced that Gary Simpson had been appointed as manager having won five and drawn three of his ten matches as caretaker manager. It's good to see that Gary has continued Keith Alexander's practice of wearing 'lucky' yellow socks on match days.

A 2-0 victory against Chesterfield at the Moss Rose saw the Silkmen move up to 16<sup>th</sup> position. Goals came from Emile Sinclair and Vinny Mukendi, his first senior goal, having been promoted from the youth ranks only days earlier when he signed a professional contract. It has to be recorded that the visitors appeared to have scored in the second half but this was not recognised by the officials. With



Manager Gary Simpson wearing his 'lucky' yellow socks



**Jon Brain, Players' Player  
of the Year and captain  
Paul Morgan**



this win Macclesfield secured their Football League status for a fourteenth consecutive year. At Torquay, Macclesfield had to thank Jon Brain again, whose excellent performance restricted the home side to a solitary goal in the 1-0 defeat.

## May

In the last home match of the season Macclesfield failed to convert their chances allowing a young, and already relegated Darlington side, to score a goal in each half to take all three points. The season ended with a 0-0 draw at Lincoln City where the Silkmen were denied by some excellent stops by the Lincoln 'keeper. The Silkmen completed the season in 19<sup>th</sup> Position with 54 points.

The ever hardworking central midfield Lee Bell was voted 'Player of the Year' by the supporters and Jon Brain, who kept 11 clean sheets over the season and kept the side in the match on several occasions with some tremendous saves, was voted the players' 'Player of the Year'.

To ensure that Gary Simpson retained the nucleus of the side for the following season, Ross Draper, Colin Daniel, Emile Sinclair, Carl Tremarco and Hamza Bencherif all signed extensions to their contracts by the end of the season.

And so the 13<sup>th</sup> season in the Football League drew to a close having only played a total of 49 matches, the lowest number since promotion. However, there were times when football took second place to events off the field. To lose a manager such as Keith Alexander, who had such an impact on the lives of so many in so many different capacities, was difficult to comprehend. No one will ever forget his smile and his willingness to talk to anyone whoever they were, and however busy he was. He certainly was 'A Gentle Giant'.

## Cup Competitions

Luck was certainly not on the side of the Silkmen when they fell at the first hurdle in each of the three senior competitions.

In the **Carling Cup**, Leicester City were the opponents for the second time in this competition, Leicester having an apparent advantage as a seeded team. Leicester were well supported at the Moss Rose with over 1000 fans and moved into the second round with a 2-0 victory. Prior to the match Chairman Mike Rance took part in a financial show on the radio which naturally concentrated on football finance. BBC Radio Manchester had full-match live commentary and BBC television showed highlights as the 'featured' match.

Having received a bye for the first round of the **Johnstone's Paint Trophy**, the Silkmen travelled to Carlisle United for the second round tie. Although Macclesfield opened the scoring in the 45<sup>th</sup> minute with a goal by Shaun Brisley, they were undone when Carlisle scored four goals in 16 minutes in the second half. John Rooney scored a consolation goal for the Silkmen when he curled a shot in off the right post.

For the first round of the **FA Cup** the Silkmen had to travel again, on this occasion to MK Dons. The home side won through a single first half goal scored by Lewis Gobern, only three minutes after his introduction from the substitutes' bench and his first goal for the Dons. This was the first ever match in the FA Cup competition proper where both teams were managed by a black manager.

The **Cheshire Premier Cup**, a Cheshire FA competition for League clubs in the county, saw the Silkmen progress to the final for a second year. Goals by Tipton, Wilson, Rooney and Mukendi gave the Silkmen a 4-2 away victory at Tranmere Rovers. The final, against Crewe Alexander, was held at Gresty Road. This was a disappointing match which only came to life in the second half after Crewe had converted a free-kick in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute. Craig Lindfield equalised for the Silkmen when he scored from an angle, but with the score 1-1 at full time the match moved into extra time. Crewe scored their second goal in the 110<sup>th</sup> minute to win the cup for the second consecutive year.



## Youth Team

The Youth Team felt the impact of the increasing number of injuries to members of the senior side, when they had to move up as cover for reserve matches which, in turn, meant that manager John Askey had to call on schoolboys from time to time to supplement his squad of players. In the League the team completed the season in 13<sup>th</sup> position out of 18, but in the Youth Alliance Cup competition they enjoyed unprecedented success.

In the first round, two goals from Vinny Mukendi and two penalty saves by the Silkmen 'keeper Josh Welsby during the match, saw the side win 2-1 at home against Rochdale. The second round saw the young Silkmen travelling to Hartlepool. So that the team could travel in comfort, rather than using their mini-bus, the youth team successfully sold raffle tickets to raise funds to cover the cost of a coach. The home side took the lead, but just when it looked as though Hartlepool would be victorious, Vinny Mukendi equalised. There is no extra time in this competition, so it was straight to penalties. Goalkeeper, Josh Welsby was in great form again saving the first three penalty kicks, and with Tom France, Adam Jukes and Vinny Mukendi all having scored, the young Silkmen progressed 3-0 on penalties to the next round for the first time ever.

The Northern Area Semi-final was played at the Moss Rose on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March. A minute's silence was observed before the match for Keith Alexander who had passed away three days earlier. Top-of-the-table Shrewsbury were the opposition, but the Silkmen played well throughout with excellent passing, good attacking moves and good defending. Two goals in the first half and one in the second saw them progress to the Northern Area Final.

Action from the Youth  
Alliance Cup Northern  
Area Final against  
Stockport County Youth



Stockport County were the opposition for the Northern Area Final which was held at County's training ground. An excellent programme provided plenty of information about the Stockport players including player statistics. There was a match sponsor, free refreshments were available and there was a free raffle with a prize of £50! Life President Roy Higginbotham was the official representative for Macclesfield.

A good turn-out saw the Macclesfield side of Welsby, Askey (Bolton), Beckett, Cooke, Daniels, France, Jukes, Lonsdale, Meachin, Montgomery and Moss manfully defend in the first half and take the lead against the run of play, but Stockport equalised in the second half. With the score 1-1 at full time the tie was decided on penalties. Macclesfield took the first penalty with France, Jukes and Moss scoring for the Silkmen, Stockport also converted their first three penalties. Sam Cooke's penalty was then saved, Stockport converted their fourth penalty but Welsby, the Macclesfield 'keeper, shot wide to give Stockport victory and a place in the National Final against Queens Park Rangers, who eventually ran out winners. This was a disappointing end to a run of matches where the team had given their all and provided excellent entertainment.

# APPENDIX ONE MACCLESFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB MATCH RESULTS

AUGUST 1997 TO DATE

(Macclesfield Town score shown first)

CLUB	DATE	H/A	SCORES	COMPETITION	
Accrington Stanley	16. 12. 2006	H	3-3 D	CCL2	1
	28. 4. 2007	A	2-3 L	CCL2	2
	19. 10. 2007	A	2-3 L	CCL2	3
	29. 3. 2008	H	2-1 W	CCL2	4
	23. 8. 2008	A	0-2 L	CCL2	5
	10. 3. 2009	H	0-2 L	CCL2	6
	13. 2. 2010	H	0-0 D	CCL2	7
	9. 3. 2010	A	1-1 D	CCL2	8
Aldershot Town	11. 10. 2008	H	4-2 W	CCL2	1
	17. 1. 2009	A	1-1 D	CCL2	2
	14. 11. 2009	A	0-0 D	CCL2	3
	3. 4. 2010	H	1-1 D	CCL2	4
Alfreton Town	13. 11. 2004	A	1-1 D	FAC R1	1
	23. 11. 2004	H	2-0 W	FAC R1 Replay	2
Barnet	13. 12. 1997	A	1-3 L	NWL3	1
	13. 4. 1998	H	2-0 W	NWL3	2
	5. 9. 1999	A	1-2 L	NWL3	3
	12. 2. 2000	H	2-0 W	NWL3	4
	8. 10. 2000	A	2-0 W	NWL3	5
	11. 3. 2001	H	3-0 W	NWL3	6
	20. 8. 2005	A	0-1 L	CCL2	7
	17. 12. 2005	H	1-1 D	CCL2	8
	9. 9. 2006	H	2-3 L	CCL2	9
	13. 1. 2007	A	0-1 L	CCL2	10
	8. 12. 2007	A	2-2 D	CCL2	11
	24. 3. 2008	H	3-0 W	CCL2	12
	22. 11. 2008	A	3-1 W	CCL2	13
	25. 4. 2009	H	2-1 W	CCL2	14
	12. 9. 2009	H	1-1 D	CCL2	15
	10. 4. 2010	A	2-1 W	CCL2	16
Barnsley	11. 9. 2002	H	4-1 W AET	WC R1	1
Birmingham City	15. 9. 1998	H	0-3 L	WC R2 1st Leg	1
	22. 9. 1998	A	0-6 L	WC R2 2nd Leg	2
<i>Birmingham City won 0-9 on aggregate</i>					
Blackpool	28. 12. 1998	H	0-1 L	NWL2	1
	30. 1. 1999	A	1-2 L	NWL2	2
	21. 10. 2000	A	1-2 L	NWL3	3
	24. 3. 2001	H	2-1 W	NWL3	4
	12. 8. 2008	H	2-0 W	CC R1	5
Bolton Wanderers	22. 8. 2000	A	0-1 L	WC R1 1st Leg	1
	5. 9. 2000	H	3-1 W	WC R2 2nd Leg	2
<i>Macclesfield Town won 3-2 on aggregate</i>					



Boston United	5. 10. 2002	H	2-0 W	NWL3	1
	26. 4. 2003	A	1-2 L	NWL3	2
	9. 8. 2003	H	0-0 D	NWL3	3
	8. 11. 2003	H	3-0 W	FAC R1	4
	10. 1. 2004	A	1-3 L	NWL3	5
	21. 8. 2004	A	1-1 D	CCL2	6
	28. 3. 2005	H	1-1 D	CCL2	7
	4. 9. 2005	H	2-2 D	CCL2	8
	7. 1. 2006	A	1-3 L	CCL2	9
	18. 11. 2006	H	2-3 L	CCL2	10
	9. 4. 2007	A	1-4 L	CCL2	11
AFC Bournemouth	10. 10. 1998	H	2-2 D	NWL2	1
	6. 4. 1999	A	0-1 L	NWL2	2
	31. 8. 2002	H	0-1 L	NWL3	3
	18. 1. 2003	A	2-2 D	NWL3	4
	13. 9. 2008	A	1-0 W	CCL2	5
	14. 3. 2009	H	0-2 L	CCL2	6
	21. 11. 2009	H	1-2 L	CCL2	7
	20. 2. 2010	A	1-1 D	CCL2	8
Bradford City	21. 8. 2001	H	1-2 L <i>AET</i>	WC R1	1
	11. 8. 2007	A	1-1 D	CCL2	2
	2. 2. 2008	H	0-1 L	CCL2	3
	16. 8. 2008	H	0-2 L	CCL2	4
	3. 3. 2009	A	0-1 L	CCL2	5
	31. 10. 2009	H	2-2 D	CCL2	6
	5. 4. 2010	A	2-1 W	CCL2	7
Brentford	6. 11. 2007	H	1-0 W	CCL2	1
	8. 3. 2008	A	0-1 L	CCL2	2
	4. 10. 2008	A	0-1 L	CCL2	3
	24. 1. 2009	H	2-0 W	CCL2	4
Brighton & Hove Albion	16. 8. 1998	A	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	27. 1. 1998	H	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	14. 11. 1999	H	1-1 D	NWL3	3
	21. 3. 2000	A	2-5 L	NWL3	4
	11. 11. 2000	H	0-0 D	NWL3	5
	28. 4. 2001	A	1-4 L	NWL3	6
Bristol Rovers	18. 12. 1998	A	0-0 D	NWL2	1
	8. 5. 1999	H	3-4 L	NWL2	2
	13. 10. 2001	A	2-0 W	NWL3	3
	16. 2. 2002	H	2-1 W	NWL3	4
	8. 9. 2002	H	2-1 W	NWL3	5
	22. 2. 2003	A	1-1 D	NWL3	6
	25. 8. 2003	A	2-2 D	NWL3	7
	13. 1. 2004	H	2-1 W	NWL3	8
	11. 12. 2004	A	0-0 D	CCL2	9
	26. 2. 2005	H	2-1 W	CCL2	10
	29. 10. 2005	H	2-1 W	CCL2	11
	6. 5. 2006	A	3-2 W	CCL2	12
	21. 10. 2006	A	0-0 D	CCL2	13
	24. 4. 2007	H	0-1 L	CCL2	14
Burnley	24. 10. 1998	H	2-1 W	NWL2	1
	28. 3. 1999	A	3-4 L	NWL2	2

Burton Albion	29. 9. 2009	A	1-1 D	CCL2	1
	13. 4. 2010	H	1-1 D	CCL2	2
Bury	26.10. 2002	A	1-2 L	NWL3	1
	15. 3. 2003	H	0-0 D	NWL3	2
	29.11. 2003	H	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	8. 5. 2004	A	0-2 L	NWL3	4
	2.10. 2004	A	1-2 L	CCL2	5
	29. 1. 2005	H	2-1 W	CCL2	6
	29. 8. 2005	H	1-0 W	CCL2	7
	4. 4. 2006	A	0-0 D	CCL2	8
	14.10. 2006	H	2-3 L	CCL2	9
	17. 3. 2007	A	1-1 D	CCL2	10
	27.10. 2007	H	2-2 D	CCL2	11
	19. 4. 2008	A	0-1 L	CCL2	12
	6.12. 2008	H	1-1 D	CCL2	13
	18. 4. 2009	A	0-3 L	CCL2	14
	9. 2. 2010	A	1-2 L	CCL2	15
	13. 3. 2010	H	2-0 W	CCL2	16
Cambridge United	8.11. 1997	H	3-1 W	NWL3	1
	3. 3. 1998	A	0-0 D	NWL3	2
	5.12. 1998	H	4-1 W	FAC R2	3
	30.11. 2002	A	1-3 L	NWL3	4
	5. 4. 2003	H	1-1 D	NWL3	5
	16. 8. 2003	A	1-3 L	NWL3	6
	6.12. 2003	H	1-1 D	FAC R2	7
	16.12. 2003	A	2-2 AET	FAC R2 Replay	8
<i>Macclesfield Town won 4-2 on penalties</i>					
	17. 1. 2004	H	0-1 L	NWL3	9
	19.10. 2004	H	1-1 D	CCL2	10
	12. 2. 2005	A	1-0 W	CCL2	11
	13.12. 2005	H	4-2 W	LDV NQF	12
Cardiff City	20.12. 1997	H	1-0 W	NWL3	1
	18. 4. 1998	A	2-1 W	NWL3	2
	23.12. 2000	A	0-2 L	NWL3	3
	27. 1. 2001	H	2-5 L	NWL3	4
	20. 9. 2005	A	1-2 L	CC R2	5
Carlisle United	28.12. 1999	H	2-1 W	NWL3	1
	15. 4. 2000	A	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	16.12. 2000	H	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	31. 3. 2001	A	0-1 L	NWL3	4
	3.11. 2001	H	1-1 D	NWL3	5
	1. 4. 2002	A	2-3 L	NWL3	6
	19.10. 2002	H	2-2 D	NWL3	7
	18. 3. 2003	A	0-1 L	NWL3	8
	18.10. 2003	A	1-0 W	NWL3	9
	21. 2. 2004	H	1-1 D	NWL3	10
	10. 9. 2005	A	0-2 L	CCL2	11
	29. 1. 2006	H	3-0 W	CCL2	12
	21. 2. 2006	A	1-2 L	LDV NAF1	13
	7. 3. 2006	H	3-2 W	LDV NAF2	14
<i>Aggregate 4-4. Carlisle United won on away goals rule</i>					
	6.10. 2009	A	2-4 L	JPT R2	15
Chelsea	6. 1. 2007	A	1-6 L	FAC R3	1

Cheltenham Town	11.12.1999	A	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	8. 1.2000	H	1-2 L	NWL3	2
	14.10.2000	H	2-1 W	NWL3	3
	6. 3.2001	A	1-1 D	NWL3	4
	20.11.2001	A	1-4 L	NWL3	5
	6. 4.2002	H	1-0 W	NWL3	6
	26.12.2003	A	2-3 L	NWL3	7
	7. 2.2004	H	1-2 L	NWL3	8
	20.11.2004	H	0-2 L	CCL2	9
	30. 4.2005	A	0-3 L	CCL2	10
	9. 8.2005	H	2-2 D	CCL2	11
	10.12.2005	A	2-2 D	CCL2	12
	16.10.2009	A	2-1 W	CCL2	13
	23. 3.2010	H	1-0 W	CCL2	14
Chester City	25.10.1997	A	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	25. 4.1998	H	3-2 W	NWL3	2
	16.10.1999	A	2-1 W	NWL3	3
	22. 4.2000	H	1-1 D	NWL3	4
	4. 9.2004	A	0-1 L	CCL2	5
	1. 1.2005	H	1-2 L	CCL2	6
	31.12.2005	H	1-0 W	CCL2	7
	1. 4.2006	A	1-2 L	CCL2	8
	26. 9.2006	H	1-1 D	CCL2	9
	26.12.2006	A	3-0 W	CCL2	10
	29. 9.2007	H	1-2 L	CCL2	11
	3. 5.2008	A	0-0 D	CCL2	12
	28.12.2008	H	3-1 W	CCL2	13
	11. 4.2009	A	2-0 W	CCL2	14
Chesterfield	28.11.1998	A	0-2 L	NWL2	1
	13. 4.1999	H	2-0 W	NWL2	2
	30. 9.2000	A	1-4 L	NWL3	3
	9. 1.2001	A	2-4 L	LDV R2	4
	3. 3.2001	H	1-2 L	NWL3	5
	14.10.2003	A	1-2 L	LDV R1	6
	28. 9.2004	H	2-1 W	LDV R1	7
	18.10.2005	H	2-0 W	LDV R1	8
	6.10.2007	A	2-2 D	CCL2	9
	26. 4.2008	H	1-0 W	CCL2	10
	12.12.2008	A	4-2 W	CCL2	11
	4. 4.2009	H	1-1 D	CCL2	12
	19. 9.2009	A	1-4 L	CCL2	13
	17. 4.2010	H	2-0 W	CCL2	14
Colchester United	4.11.1997	H	0-0 D	NWL3	1
	14. 3.1998	A	1-5 L	NWL3	2
	6.11.1998	A	1-1 D	NWL2	3
	13. 3.1999	H	2-0 W	NWL2	4
Coventry City	2. 1.1999	A	0-7 L	FAC R3	1
Crewe Alexandra	2. 9.2008	A	0-3 L	JPT R1	1
	5. 9.2009	A	1-2 L	CCL2	2
	28.12.2009	H	4-1 W	CCL2	3
Dagenham & Redbridge	24.11.2007	H	1-1 D	CCL2	1
	11. 3.2008	A	1-0 W	CCL2	2
	20.12.2008	H	0-4 L	CCL2	3
	28. 3.2009	A	1-2 L	CCL2	4
	24.10.2009	H	2-2 D	CCL2	5
	20. 3.2010	A	1-3L	CCL2	6



Darlington	5. 9. 1997	H	2-1 W	NWL3	1
	26. 12. 1997	A	2-4 L	NWL3	2
	14. 8. 1999	A	0-3 L	NWL3	3
	15. 1. 2000	H	2-1 W	NWL3	4
	22. 9. 2000	H	1-1 D	NWL3	5
	24. 2. 2001	A	1-1 D	NWL3	6
	25. 9. 2001	H	1-1 D	NWL3	7
	16. 10. 2001	A	1-2 L	LDV R1	8
	5. 3. 2002	A	1-0 W	NWL3	9
	21. 12. 2002	A	0-0 D	NWL3	10
	19. 4. 2003	H	1-0 W	NWL3	11
	20. 12. 2003	A	1-0 W	NWL3	12
	6. 3. 2004	H	0-1 L	NWL3	13
	25. 9. 2004	H	1-0 W	CCL2	14
	3. 1. 2005	A	1-3 L	CCL2	15
	7. 10. 2005	A	0-1 L	CCL2	16
	19. 11. 2005	H	1-0 W	CCL2	17
	5. 8. 2006	A	0-4 L	CCL2	18
	3. 2. 2007	H	1-1 D	CCL2	19
	1. 9. 2007	H	0-0 D	CCL2	20
	26. 1. 2008	A	2-2 D	CCL2	21
	30. 8. 2008	H	0-6 L	CCL2	22
	7. 3. 2009	A	2-1 W	CCL2	23
	3. 10. 2009	A	1-0 W	CCL2	24
	1. 5. 2010	H	0-2 L	CCL2	25
Doncaster Rovers	23. 8. 1997	H	3-0 W	NWL3	1
	24. 1. 1998	A	3-0 W	NWL3	2
	11. 10. 2003	H	1-3 L	NWL3	3
	14. 2. 2004	A	0-1 L	NWL3	4
Everton	3. 1. 2009	H	0-1 L	FAC R3	1
Exeter City	21. 10. 1997	H	2-2 D	NWL3	1
	2. 5. 1998	A	3-1 W	NWL3	2
	25. 9. 1999	A	3-0 W	NWL3	3
	23. 10. 1999	H	1-0 W	NWL3	4
	9. 9. 2000	H	0-2 L	NWL3	5
	10. 2. 2001	A	0-0 D	NWL3	6
	29. 9. 2001	A	0-0 D	NWL3	7
	2. 2. 2002	H	1-2 L	NWL3	8
	28. 12. 2002	A	1-1 D	NWL3	9
	25. 1. 2003	H	1-1 D	NWL3	10
	27. 9. 2008	H	1-4 L	CCL2	11
	10. 2. 2009	A	0-4 L	CCL2	12
Forest Green Rovers	17. 11. 2001	H	2-2 D	FAC R1	1
	28. 11. 2001	A	1-1 W AET	FAC R1 Replay	2
<i>Macclesfield Town won 11-10 on penalties</i>					
Fulham	8. 8. 1998	H	0-1 L	NWL2	1
	9. 1. 1999	A	0-1 L	NWL2	2
Gillingham	3. 10. 1998	A	2-2 D	NWL2	1
	9. 3. 1999	H	1-0 W	NWL2	2
	1. 11. 2008	H	0-1 L	CCL2	3
	21. 2. 2009	A	1-3 L	CCL2	4
Grimsby Town	11. 9. 2004	H	3-1 W	CCL2	1
	26. 12. 2004	A	0-0 D	CCL2	2
	11. 11. 2005	A	1-3 L	CCL2	3

Grimsby Town <i>cont</i>	29. 4. 2006	H	1-1 D	CCL2	4
	1. 9. 2006	A	1-1 D	CCL2	5
	24. 2. 2007	H	2-1 W	CCL2	6
	25. 8. 2007	A	1-1 D	CCL2	7
	12. 2. 2008	H	1-2 L	CCL2	8
	25.11. 2008	H	1-0 W	CCL2	9
	2. 5. 1009	A	0-0 D	CCL2	10
	28.11. 2009	H	0-0 D	CCL2	11
	23. 2. 2010	A	1-1 D	CCL2	12
Halifax Town	9.10. 1999	H	0-2 L	NWL3	1
	6. 5. 2000	A	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	28.10. 2000	H	0-0 D	NWL3	3
	16. 4. 2001	A	0-3 L	NWL3	4
	9. 8. 2001	A	0-0 D	NWL3	5
	26.12. 2001	H	1-1 D	NWL3	6
Hartlepool United	30. 8. 1997	A	0-0 D	NWL3	1
	15.11. 1997	A	4-2 W	FAC R1	2
	17. 1. 1998	H	2-1 W	NWL3	3
	27.11. 1999	H	3-3 D	NWL3	4
	19. 2. 2000	A	4-1 W	NWL3	5
	16. 9. 2000	A	2-2 D	NWL3	6
	17. 2. 2001	H	0-1 L	NWL3	7
	23.10. 2001	H	0-1 L	NWL3	8
	22. 3. 2002	A	2-1 W	NWL3	9
	17. 8. 2002	A	2-0 W	NWL3	10
	21. 1. 2003	H	0-1 L	NWL3	11
	24. 8. 2004	A	1-2 L	CC R1	12
	8. 8. 2006	H	0-0 D	CCL2	13
	2.12. 2006	H	2-1 W	FAC R2	14
	20. 2. 2007	A	2-3 L	CCL2	15
Harlow Town	8.11. 2008	A	2-0 W	FAC R1	1
Hereford United	24. 1. 2006	H	2-0 W	LDV NSF	1
	30. 9. 2006	A	0-1 L	CCL2	2
	20. 1. 2007	H	3-0 W	CCL2	3
	8. 9. 2007	A	1-0 W	CCL2	4
	26.12. 2007	H	0-1 L	CCL2	5
	12.12. 2009	H	3-1 W	CCL2	6
	6. 3. 2010	A	2-0 W	CCL2	7
Huddersfield Town	13.12. 2003	H	4-0 W	NWL3	1
	13. 3. 2004	A	0-4 L	NWL3	2
Hull City	12. 8. 1997	H	0-0 D	C-C Cup R1 1Leg 1	
	26. 8. 1997	A	1-2 L	C-C Cup R1 2Leg 2	
<i>Hull City won 1-2 on aggregate</i>					
	22.11. 1997	H	2-0 W	NWL3	3
	28. 3. 1998	A	0-0 D	NWL3	4
	28. 8. 1999	A	3-2 W	NWL3	5
	30.10. 1999	H	0-0 D	FAC R1	6
	9.11. 1999	A	0-4 L	FAC R1 Replay	7
	29. 1. 2000	H	0-2 L	NWL3	8
	26. 8. 2000	H	0-0 D	NWL3	9
	6. 1. 2001	A	0-0 D	NWL3	10
	15. 9. 2001	H	0-0 D	NWL3	11
	22. 2. 2002	A	1-0 W	NWL3	12
	17. 9. 2002	A	3-1 W	NWL3	13
	16.11. 2002	A	3-0 W	FAC R1	14

Hull City <i>continued</i>	4. 3. 2003	H	0-1 L	NWL3	15
	1. 11. 2003	A	2-2 D	NWL3	16
	17. 4. 2004	H	1-1 D	NWL3	17
	4. 12. 2004	A	0-4 L	FAC R2	18
Kidderminster Harriers	2. 12. 2000	A	1-2 L	NWL3	1
	7. 4. 2001	H	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	7. 10. 2001	H	0-1 L	NWL3	3
	19. 2. 2002	A	1-0 W	NWL3	4
	12. 10. 2002	A	2-0 W	NWL3	5
	29. 3. 2003	H	2-0 W	NWL3	6
	13. 9. 2003	H	1-1 D	NWL3	7
	20. 3. 2004	A	4-1 W	NWL3	8
	18. 9. 2004	A	0-1 L	CCL2	9
	15. 1. 2005	H	2-0 W	CCL2	10
Leeds United	14. 8. 2007	H	0-1 L	CC R1	1
Leicester City	22. 8. 2006	A	0-2 L	CC R1	1
	12. 8. 2009	H	0-2 L	CC R1	2
Leyton Orient	4. 10. 1997	A	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	14. 2. 1998	H	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	18. 12. 1999	H	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	1. 4. 2000	A	0-0 D	NWL3	4
	25. 11. 2000	A	1-2 L	NWL3	5
	5. 5. 2001	H	0-2 L	NWL3	6
	15. 12. 2001	H	2-1 W	NWL3	7
	9. 3. 2002	A	0-2 L	NWL3	8
	13. 8. 2002	A	2-3 L	NWL3	9
	11. 3. 2003	H	3-1 W	NWL3	10
	4. 10. 2003	A	0-2 L	NWL3	11
	10. 4. 2004	H	1-0 W	NWL3	12
	7. 8. 2004	A	3-1 W	CCL2	13
	19. 3. 2005	H	3-1 W	CCL2	14
	6. 8. 2005	A	1-2 L	CCL2	15
	26. 11. 2005	H	0-0 D	CCL2	16
Lincoln City	29. 11. 1997	A	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	4. 4. 1998	H	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	22. 8. 1998	H	0-0 D	NWL2	3
	26. 12. 1998	A	0-1 L	NWL2	4
	18. 9. 1999	A	1-1 D	NWL3	5
	26. 2. 2000	H	1-1 D	NWL3	6
	12. 9. 2000	H	2-0 W	NWL3	7
	20. 2. 2001	A	2-1 W	NWL3	8
	20. 10. 2001	H	0-1 L	NWL3	9
	9. 2. 2002	A	0-1 L	NWL3	10
	26. 8. 2002	A	0-3 L	NWL3	11
	26. 12. 2002	H	0-1 L	NWL3	12
	21. 10. 2003	A	2-3 L	NWL3	13
	30. 3. 2004	H	0-0 D	NWL3	14
	7. 12. 2004	H	2-1 W	CCL2	15
	16. 4. 2005	A	0-2 L	CCL2	16
	14. 5. 2005	A	0-1 L	PO SF 1st Leg	17
	21. 5. 2005	H	1-1 D	PO SF 2nd Leg	18
<i>Lincoln City won 1-2 on aggregate</i>					
	3. 12. 2005	A	2-2 D	CCL2	19
	18. 2. 2006	H	1-1 D	CCL2	20
	12. 9. 2006	A	1-2 L	CCL2	21
	1. 1. 2007	H	2-1 W	CCL2	22



Lincoln City <i>continued</i>	5. 2. 2008	H	1-2 L	CCL2	23
	16. 2. 2008	A	1-3 L	CCL2	24
	21. 10. 2008	H	1-2 L	CCL2	25
	31. 3. 2009	A	0-1 L	CCL2	26
	10. 10. 2009	H	0-1 L	CCL2	27
	8. 5. 2010	A	0-0 D	CCL2	28
Luton Town	12. 12. 1998	H	2-2 D	NWL2	1
	1. 5. 1999	A	2-1 W	NWL2	2
	24. 11. 2001	H	4-1 W	NWL3	3
	13. 4. 2002	A	0-0 D	NWL3	4
	6. 9. 2008	H	2-1 W	CCL2	5
	21. 3. 2009	A	0-1 L	CCL2	6
MK Dons	12. 8. 2006	H	1-2 L	CCL2	1
	13. 3. 2007	A	0-3 L	CCL2	2
	18. 8. 2007	H	3-3 D	CCL2	3
	29. 1. 2008	A	1-1 D	CCL2	4
	7. 11. 2009	A	0-1 L	FAC R1	5
Manchester City	12. 9. 1998	H	0-1 L	NWL2	1
	20. 2. 1999	A	0-2 L	NWL2	2
Mansfield Town	18. 10. 1997	H	1-0 W	NWL3	1
	24. 2. 1998	A	0-1 L	NWL3	2
	2. 11. 1999	H	5-2 W	NWL3	3
	11. 3. 2000	A	0-1 L	NWL3	4
	28. 8. 2000	A	4-4 D	NWL3	5
	14. 1. 2001	H	0-1 L	NWL3	6
	27. 8. 2001	A	0-4 L	NWL3	7
	29. 12. 2001	H	0-1 L	NWL3	8
	6. 9. 2003	A	2-3 L	NWL3	9
	28. 12. 2003	H	1-1 D	NWL3	10
	2. 11. 2004	H	4-0 W	LDV R2	11
	6. 11. 2004	A	1-0 W	CCL2	12
	23. 4. 2005	H	3-1 W	CCL2	13
	27. 9. 2005	H	1-1 D	CCL2	14
	4. 2. 2006	A	1-1 D	CCL2	15
	28. 10. 2006	H	2-3 L	CCL2	16
	23. 3. 2007	A	2-1 W	CCL2	17
	3. 11. 2007	A	0-5 L	CCL2	18
	12. 4. 2008	H	0-0 D	CCL2	19
Middlesbrough	19. 9. 2000	A	1-2 L	WC 2R 1st Leg	1
	26. 9. 2000	H	1-3 L	WC 2R 2nd Leg	2
<i>Middlesbrough won 2-5 on aggregate</i>					
Millwall	29. 8. 1998	A	0-0 D	NWL2	1
	26. 1. 1999	H	0-2 L	NWL2	2
Morecambe	5. 1. 2008	H	1-2 L	CCL2	1
	9. 2. 2008	A	1-0 W	CCL2	2
	26. 12. 2008	A	1-4 L	CCL2	3
	13. 4. 2009	H	0-1 L	CCL2	4
	22. 8. 2009	A	2-2 D	CCL2	5
	26. 1. 2010	H	2-2 D	CCL2	6
Northampton Town	31. 10. 1998	H	0-1 L	NWL2	1
	20. 3. 1999	A	2-0 W	NWL2	2
	7. 8. 1999	H	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	4. 12. 1999	A	0-2 L	NWL3	4

Northampton Town <i>cont</i>	20. 9. 2003	A	0-0 D	NWL3	5
	27. 3. 2004	H	0-4 L	NWL3	6
	18. 12. 2004	H	1-3 L	CCL2	7
	5. 3. 2005	A	0-1 L	CCL2	8
	17. 9. 2005	H	1-4 L	CCL2	9
	21. 1. 2006	A	0-5 L	CCL2	10
	8. 8. 2009	A	0-0 D	CCL2	11
	20. 1. 2010	H	0-2 L	CCL2	12
Nottingham Forest	23. 8. 2005	A	3-2 W	CC R1	1
Notts County	11. 10. 1997	A	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	28. 2. 1998	H	2-0 W	NWL3	2
	31. 8. 1998	H	0-1 L	NWL2	3
	4. 5. 1999	A	1-1 D	NWL2	4
	10. 10. 2004	H	1-2 L	CCL2	5
	25. 1. 2005	A	5-0 W	CCL2	6
	1. 10. 2005	H	0-0 D	CCL2	7
	15. 4. 2006	A	1-1 D	CCL2	8
	9. 12. 2006	A	2-1 W	CCL2	9
	5. 5. 2007	H	1-1 D	CCL2	10
	17. 11. 2007	A	1-0 W	CCL2	11
	1. 3. 2008	H	1-1 D	CCL2	12
	18. 10. 2008	A	1-1 D	CCL2	13
	17. 2. 2009	H	1-1 D	CCL2	14
	15. 8. 2009	H	0-4 L	CCL2	15
	2. 3. 2010	A	0-1 L	CCL2	16
Oldham Athletic	8. 9. 1998	A	2-1 W	NWL2	1
	13. 2. 1999	H	1-0 W	NWL2	2
Oxford United	18. 11. 2000	H	0-1 L	FAC R1	1
	18. 9. 2001	A	2-0 W	NWL3	2
	26. 2. 2002	H	0-1 L	NWL3	3
	29. 10. 2002	H	2-1 W	NWL3	4
	22. 3. 2003	A	1-0 W	NWL3	5
	22. 11. 2003	A	1-3 L	NWL3	6
	1. 5. 2004	H	2-1 W	NWL3	7
	23. 10. 2004	H	1-0 W	CCL2	8
	6. 4. 2005	A	1-1 D	CCL2	9
	14. 1. 2006	H	1-1 D	CCL2	10
	15. 2. 2006	A	1-1 D	CCL2	11
Peterborough United	27. 9. 1997	H	1-1 D	NWL3	1
	21. 2. 1998	A	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	20. 11. 1999	A	2-2 D	NWL3	3
	18. 3. 2000	H	1-1 D	NWL3	4
	15. 10. 2005	H	0-4 L	CCL2	5
	22. 4. 2006	A	2-3 L	CCL2	6
	19. 8. 2006	A	1-3 L	CCL2	7
	17. 2. 2007	H	2-1 W	CCL2	8
	12. 1. 2008	A	1-0 W	CCL2	9
	23. 2. 2008	H	0-3 L	CCL2	10
	3. 1. 2000	A	2-3 L	NWL3	1
Plymouth Argyle	8. 4. 2000	H	4-1 W	NWL3	2
	2. 9. 2000	A	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	3. 2. 2001	H	3-1 W	NWL3	4
	22. 9. 2001	A	0-2 L	NWL3	5
	2. 3. 2002	H	1-1 D	NWL3	6
Port Vale	20. 9. 2008	A	4-1 W	CCL2	1

Port Vale <i>cont</i>	29. 11. 2008	A	3-1 W	FAC R2	2
	25. 2. 2009	H	0-2 L	CCL2	3
	18. 8. 2009	H	2-0 W	CCL2	4
	23. 1. 2010	A	0-0 D	CCL2	5
Preston North End	13. 1. 1998	H	0-1 L	AWS R2	1
	20. 10. 1998	A	2-2 D	NWL2	2
	10. 4. 1999	H	3-2 W	NWL2	3
	1. 10. 2002	H	1-2 L	WC R2	4
Reading	26. 9. 1998	H	2-1 W	NWL2	1
	6. 3. 1999	A	0-1 L	NWL2	2
Rochdale	2. 9. 1997	A	0-2 L	NWL3	1
	28. 12. 1997	H	1-0 W	NWL3	2
	19. 10. 1999	A	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	11. 1. 2000	A	2-3 L	AWS R2	4
<i>Rochdale won on the Golden Goal rule</i>					
	29. 4. 2000	H	1-2 L	NWL3	5
	24. 10. 2000	A	2-2 D	NWL3	6
	14. 4. 2001	H	0-0 D	NWL3	7
	18. 8. 2001	A	1-1 D	NWL3	8
	12. 1. 2002	H	0-1 L	NWL3	9
	28. 9. 2002	A	1-3 L	NWL3	10
	3. 5. 2003	H	3-2 W	NWL3	11
	30. 9. 2003	H	2-1 W	NWL3	12
	12. 4. 2004	A	2-1 W	NWL3	13
	30. 10. 2004	A	0-3 L	CCL2	14
	19. 2. 2005	H	3-0 W	CCL2	15
	27. 8. 2005	A	1-3 L	CCL2	16
	11. 3. 2006	H	1-3 L	CCL2	17
	5. 12. 2006	H	1-0 W	CCL2	18
	21. 4. 2007	A	0-5 L	CCL2	19
	22. 9. 2007	A	1-1 D	CCL2	20
	29. 12. 2007	H	2-2 D	CCL2	21
	15. 11. 2008	A	1-1 D	CCL2	22
	14. 2. 2009	H	0-1 L	CCL2	23
	5. 12. 2009	A	0-3 L	CCL2	24
	27. 2. 2010	H	0-1 L	CCL2	25
Rotherham United	1. 11. 1997	A	0-1 L	NWL3	1
	7. 3. 1998	H	0-0 D	NWL3	2
	30. 8. 1999	H	1-1 D	NWL3	3
	5. 2. 2000	A	1-2 L	NWL3	4
	22. 11. 2005	A	2-1 W	LDV R2	5
	2. 10. 2007	H	1-1 D	CCL2	6
	1. 1. 2007	A	0-3 L	CCL2	7
	25. 10. 2008	H	1-2 L	CCL2	8
	31. 1. 2009	A	0-2 L	CCL2	9
	29. 8. 2009	H	1-3 L	CCL2	10
	23. 3. 2010	A	1-3 L	CCL2	11
Rushden & Diamonds	25. 8. 2001	H	0-0 D	NWL3	1
	29. 1. 2002	A	0-2 L	NWL3	2
	14. 12. 2002	H	0-1 L	NWL3	3
	21. 4. 2003	A	0-3 L	NWL3	4
	27. 11. 2004	A	2-0 W	CCL2	5
	7. 5. 2005	H	1-0 W	CCL2	6
	13. 9. 2005	H	3-1 W	CCL2	7
	25. 2. 2006	A	0-1 L	CCL2	8
	10. 11. 2007	A	1-3 L	FAC R1	9



Scarborough	20. 9. 1997	A	1-2 L	NWL3	1
	7. 2. 1998	H	3-1 W	NWL3	2
Scunthorpe United	20. 1. 1998	H	2-0 W	NWL3	1
	11. 4. 1998	A	0-1 L	NWL3	2
	12. 8. 2000	H	0-1 L	NWL3	3
	1. 1. 2001	A	2-2 D	NWL3	4
	1. 9. 2001	H	4-3 W	NWL3	5
	12. 2. 2002	A	1-1 D	NWL3	6
	21. 9. 2002	H	2-3 L	NWL3	7
	8. 3. 2003	A	1-1 D	NWL3	8
	15. 11. 2003	H	2-2 D	NWL3	9
	24. 4. 2004	A	0-1 L	NWL3	10
	28. 8. 2004	H	2-2 D	CCL2	11
	2. 4. 2005	A	0-0 D	CCL2	12
Sheffield United	12. 8. 2003	H	1-2 L	CC R1	1
Shrewsbury Town	18. 11. 1997	A	3-4 L	NWL3	1
	21. 3. 1998	H	2-1 W	NWL3	2
	26. 12. 1999	A	1-0 W	NWL3	3
	25. 3. 2000	H	4-2 W	NWL3	4
	19. 8. 2000	A	2-2 D	NWL3	5
	13. 2. 2001	H	2-1 W	NWL3	6
	21. 12. 2001	A	1-1 D	NWL3	7
	22. 1. 2002	H	2-1 W	NWL3	8
	2. 11. 2002	H	1-2 L	NWL3	9
	15. 4. 2003	A	3-2 W	NWL3	10
	10. 8. 2004	H	2-1 W	CCL2	11
	12. 3. 2005	A	1-0 W	CCL2	12
	31. 1. 2006	A	1-1 D	CCL2	13
	25. 3. 2006	H	2-0 W	CCL2	14
	6. 10. 2006	A	1-2 L	CCL2	15
	10. 3. 2007	H	2-2 D	CCL2	16
	1. 12. 2007	A	0-2 L	CCL2	17
	15. 3. 2008	H	2-1 W	CCL2	18
	9. 8. 2008	A	0-4 L	CCL2	19
	28. 2. 2009	H	3-0 W	CCL2	20
	26. 12. 2009	A	2-2 D	CCL2	21
	6. 2. 2010	H	0-1 L	CCL2	22
Slough Town	14. 11. 1998	H	2-2 D	FAC R1	1
	24. 11. 1998	A	1-1 AET	FAC R1 replay	2
<i>Macclesfield Town won 9-8 on penalties</i>					
Southend United	11. 9. 1999	H	1-2 L	NWL3	1
	3. 3. 2000	A	0-1 L	NWL3	2
	4. 11. 2000	A	1-3 L	NWL3	3
	21. 4. 2001	H	1-0 W	NWL3	4
	9. 11. 2001	A	0-3 L	NWL3	5
	20. 4. 2002	H	0-0 D	NWL3	6
	14. 9. 2002	A	0-1 L	NWL3	7
	1. 3. 2003	H	2-1 W	NWL3	8
	25. 10. 2003	H	1-2 L	NWL3	9
	28. 2. 2004	A	0-1 L	NWL3	10
	30. 8. 2004	A	1-2 L	CCL2	11
	19. 4. 2005	H	1-2 L	CCL2	12
Stockport County	26. 12. 2005	H	6-0 W	CCL2	1
	18. 3. 2006	A	0-2 L	CCL2	2
	17. 10. 2006	H	0-1 L	JPT R1	3

Stockport County <i>cont</i>	25. 11. 2006	A	1-1 D	CCL2	4
	14. 4. 2007	H	2-0 W	CCL2	5
	9. 10. 2007	H	0-1 L	JPT R2	6
	15. 12. 2007	H	0-2 L	CCL 2	7
	21. 3. 2008	A	0-2 L	CCL 2	8
Stoke City	11. 8. 1998	H	3-1 W	WC R1 1st Leg	1
	15. 8. 1998	A	0-2 L	NWL2	2
	19. 8. 1998	A	0-1 L	WC R1 2nd Leg	3
<i>Macclesfield Town won 3-2 on aggregate</i>					
	27. 4. 1999	H	1-2 L	NWL2	4
	10. 8. 1999	H	1-1 D	WC R1 1st Leg	5
	25. 8. 1999	A	0-3 L	WC R1 2nd Leg	6
<i>Stoke City won 1-4 on aggregate</i>					
Swansea City	13. 9. 1997	H	3-0 W	NWL3	1
	31. 1. 1998	A	1-1 D	NWL3	2
	21. 8. 1999	H	1-2 L	NWL3	3
	22. 1. 2000	A	0-1 L	NWL3	4
	11. 8. 2001	H	1-3 L	NWL3	5
	8. 12. 2001	H	4-1 W	FAC R2	6
	19. 1. 2002	A	1-0 W	NWL3	7
	9. 11. 2002	A	0-1 L	NWL3	8
	8. 2. 2003	H	1-3 L	NWL3	9
	16. 9. 2003	A	0-3 L	NWL3	10
	3. 1. 2004	A	1-2 L	FAC R3	11
	16. 3. 2004	H	2-1 W	NWL3	12
	14. 8. 2004	H	1-0 W	CCL2	13
	25. 3. 2005	A	0-2 L	CCL2	14
Swindon Town	23. 12. 2006	H	2-1 W	CCL2	1
	27. 1. 2007	A	0-2 L	CCL2	2
Torquay United	9. 8. 1997	H	2-1 W	NWL3	1
	10. 1. 1998	A	0-2 L	NWL3	2
	2. 10. 1999	H	1-2 L	NWL3	3
	24. 4. 2000	A	2-3 L	NWL3	4
	17. 10. 2000	H	2-1 W	NWL3	5
	10. 4. 2001	A	0-2 L	NWL3	6
	1. 12. 2001	A	2-1 W	NWL3	7
	16. 3. 2002	H	0-2 L	NWL3	8
	23. 11. 2002	H	3-3 D	NWL3	9
	12. 4. 2003	A	2-2 D	NWL3	10
	23. 8. 2003	H	1-1 D	NWL3	11
	24. 1. 2004	A	1-4 L	NWL3	12
	22. 10. 2005	A	1-1 D	CCL2	13
	17. 4. 2006	H	0-2 L	CCL2	14
	23. 9. 2006	H	3-3 D	CCL2	15
	30. 12. 2006	A	1-0 W	CCL2	16
	26. 9. 2009	H	2-1 W	CCL2	17
	24. 4. 2010	A	0-1 L	CCL2	18
Tranmere Rovers	12. 11. 2002	H	1-2 L	LDV R2	1
	<i>Tranmere Rovers won on the Golden Goal rule</i>				
	30. 11. 2004	H	0-1 L	LDV R3	2
Vauxhall Motors	7. 12. 2002	H	2-0 W	FAC R2	1
Walsall	6. 12. 1997	H	0-7 L	FAC R2	1
	21. 11. 1998	H	1-1 D	NWL2	2
	17. 4. 1999	A	0-2 L	NWL2	3

Walsall <i>continued</i>	16. 9. 2006	A	0-2 L	CCL2	4
	13. 11. 2006	H	0-0 D	FAC R1	5
	21. 11. 2006	A	1-0 W	FAC R1 Replay	6
	30. 1. 2007	H	0-2 L	CCL2	7
Watford	4. 1. 2003	H	0-2 L	FAC R3	1
West Ham United	6. 1. 2002	H	0-3 L	FAC R3	1
	27. 8. 2008	A	1-4 L <i>AET</i>	CC R2	2
Wigan Athletic	19. 9. 1998	A	0-2 L	NWL2	1
	27. 2. 1999	H	0-1 L	NWL2	2
Wrexham	5. 9. 1998	A	1-2 L	NWL2	1
	8. 12. 1998	H	0-1 L	AWS R1	2
	6. 2. 1999	H	0-2 L	NWL2	3
	24. 8. 2002	H	0-1 L	NWL3	4
	1. 1. 2003	A	3-1 W	NWL3	5
	24. 9. 2005	A	1-1 D	CCL2	6
	14. 3. 2006	H	3-2 W	CCL2	7
	4. 11. 2006	A	0-0 D	CCL2	8
	7. 4. 2007	H	2-0 W	CCL2	9
	18. 9. 2007	A	1-0 W	JPT R1	10
	13. 10. 2007	H	3-2 W	CCL2	11
	5. 4. 2008	A	1-1 D	CCL2	12
Wycombe Wanderers	17. 10. 1998	A	0-3 L	NWL2	1
	3. 4. 1999	H	1-3 L	NWL2	2
	28. 12. 2004	H	2-1 W	CCL2	3
	22. 1. 2005	A	1-1 D	CCL2	4
	2. 1. 2006	A	5-4 W	CCL2	5
	8. 4. 2006	H	2-1 W	CCL2	6
	26. 8. 2006	H	0-2 L	CCL2	7
	3. 3. 2007	A	0-3 L	CCL2	8
	15. 9. 2007	H	1-2 L	CCL2	9
	22. 12. 2007	A	1-2 L	CCL2	10
	2. 12. 2008	A	0-4 L	CCL2	11
	27. 1. 2009	H	0-0 D	CCL2	12
Yeovil Town	30. 8. 2003	H	4-1 W	NWL3	1
	31. 1. 2004	A	2-2 D	NWL3	2
	16. 10. 2004	A	2-1 W	CCL2	3
	5. 2. 2005	H	3-1 W	CCL2	4
	5. 11. 2005	H	1-1 D	FAC R1	5
	15. 11. 2005	A	0-4 L	FAC R1 Replay	6
York City	10. 11. 1998	A	2-0 W	NWL2	1
	24. 4. 1999	H	1-2 L	NWL2	2
	6. 11. 1999	A	2-0 W	NWL3	3
	7. 3. 2000	H	1-1 D	NWL3	4
	26. 12. 2000	H	0-1 L	NWL3	5
	20. 1. 2001	A	3-1 W	NWL3	6
	27. 10. 2001	A	0-1 L	NWL3	7
	30. 3. 2002	H	2-1 W	NWL3	8
	10. 8. 2002	H	1-1 D	NWL3	9
	2. 2. 2003	A	1-2 L	NWL3	10
	27. 9. 2003	H	0-0 D	NWL3	11
	4. 4. 2004	A	2-0 W	NWL3	12



**KEY**

AET	After extra time
AWS	Auto Windsreen Shield
CC	Carling Cup
C-C	Coca-Cola Cup
CCL2	Coca-Cola League 2
JPT	Johnstone's Paint Trophy
LDV	LDV Vans Trophy
NQF	Northern Area Quarter Final
NSF	Northern Area Semi-Final
NAF	Northern Area Final
NWL2	Nationwide League 2
NWL3	Nationwide League 3
PO SF	Play-off Semi-Final
WC	Worthington Cup

## APPENDIX TWO

### PLAYING SQUAD

	Apps	Goals
Lee Bell	44	2
Hamza Bencherif	22	5
Paul Bolland	29	1
Jon Brain	43	0
Shaun Brisley	36	2
Nat Brown	40	4
Richard Butcher	8	2
Colin Daniel	41	3
Ross Draper	31	1
Sean Hessey	27	0
Tyrone Kirk	1	0
Craig Lindfield	18	2
Matthew Lowe	10	0
Greg Mills	1	0
Paul Morgan	38	0
Vinny Mukendi	9	1
Stephen Reed	1	0
Izak Reid	40	0
John Rooney	28	2
Ricky Sappleton	26	7
Emile Sinclair	44	7
Michael Thomas	4	0
Matthew Tipton	34	5
Carl Tremarco	30	0
Jose Veiga	6	0
Kyle Wilson	4	0
Ben Wright	41	6

## APPENDIX THREE

### Macclesfield Town Football Club – Players

*This section provides a brief profile for those players who were registered with the club in the 2009-10 season and made at least one senior appearance.*

#### **Lee Bell (2008-09 and 2009-10)**

Signed from Mansfield Town in the summer of 2008, Lee had a slow start but following the departure of fellow central-midfielder Terry Dunfield, he became an integral part of the side using his pace to good effect. Lee was voted the supporters' 'Player of the Year' for the 2009-10 season. Out of contract in the summer of 2010, Lee moved to Crewe Alexander where he started his football career.

#### **Hamza Bencherif (2009-10 to date)**

Hamza, a former Algeria youth international, joined the Silkmen from Nottingham Forest in the summer of 2009 going straight into the senior side where he quickly established himself as a valuable player, firstly at centre-back and then as a central midfielder. A strong attacking player, Hamza regularly pressed forward and scored five goals before he sustained a serious ankle injury in December 2009, which sidelined him for the remainder of the season.

#### **Paul Bolland (2009-10 to date)**

A highly experienced central midfielder, Paul moved from Grimsby Town in the summer of 2009. Initially used as back-up, but as the season progressed and the number of injuries to midfielders increased, he was given a more regular berth. Initially released in the summer of 2009 he was re-signed for the 2010-11 season.

#### **Jon Brain (2006-07 to 2009-10)**

Signed from Port Vale initially sharing goalkeeping duties with Tommy Lee, but just as he was beginning to make an impression Jon suffered a broken leg in November 2006 which sidelined him for the remainder of his first season. Having fully recovered he became the first-choice goalkeeper. On several occasions his reactionary saves kept his side in contention with some of his best performances coming in the matches against Aldershot Town. In the 2009-10 season he kept a total of 11 clean sheets and was voted players' 'Player of the Year'. Out of contract in the summer of 2010, Jon moved to the third tier of English Football when he signed for Walsall.

#### **Shaun Brisley (2007-08 to date)**

A local lad who has been involved with the club since he was 13 years of age, Shaun was awarded his first professional contract in the summer of 2008 and has feature regularly since then. His height and strength serve him well as a centre-back but he has demonstrated his versatility when called on to play at both right-back and right wing-back.

#### **Nat Brown (2008-09 to date)**

With no opportunities at Wrexham, Nat spent the majority of his first season as a Silkman on loan, initially filling a central midfield role but later moved to his more accustomed central back position and scored six goals. Signing permanently in the summer of 2009 Nat missed the opening months when he was recovering from a stress fracture of the shin. On his return he was almost ever-present at centre-back scoring a further four goals. Nat always plays with his trademark strapping on his left wrist and hand.

#### **Richard Butcher (2009-10 to date)**

Richard made eight appearances during his loan spell from Lincoln City strengthening an injury depleted midfield. He made an immediate impact scoring on his debut and went on to score a second goal before returning to his parent club where he made a substitute appearance in the final match of the season against the Silkmen. Having been released by Lincoln, Richard signed for the Silkmen in the summer of 2010.



### Colin Daniel (2008-09 to date)

Colin spent the final weeks of the 2008-09 season on loan from Crewe Alexander, filling the wide left midfield role and having been released by the Railwaymen, signed permanently for the Silkmen in the summer of 2009. Other than for a short period when recovering from a hamstring injury, Colin was ever-present in the 2009-10 season. He was one of the most consistent performers and scored three goals including a stunning 35-yard strike, in the home match against Hereford at the end of December, which was voted Macclesfield's 'Goal of the Season'.

### Ross Draper (2009-10 to date)

Ross moved from Zamaretto Premier League side Hednesford Town in the summer of 2009 going straight into the senior side. He made an immediate impact looking every inch a League player. Usually playing as a central midfielder, Ross had to be versatile when the number of injuries to midfield players increased and played across the centre. He missed the whole of January 2010 following a hernia repair, and an ankle injury in March kept him out of contention for the remainder of the season.

### Sean Hessey (2007-08 to 2009-10)

Spent his first season on loan from Chester City but signed permanently in the summer of 2008. A hard-tackling centre-back, Sean brought strength to the back line and in the 2009-10 season, ably deputised at left-back for Carl Tremarco during his absence. Sean's appearances were reduced when he was sidelined with a groin injury for much of the second half of the 2008-09 season, and for most of the first half of the 2009-10 season following an innocuous slip in pre-season training when he sustained knee ligament damage. Sean was released in the summer of 2010 when he signed for Accrington Stanley.

### Tyrone Kirk (2009-10)

The former Scunthorpe trainee signed in the summer of 2009 and made just one appearance in the first half of the first round of the Carling Cup match against Leicester City. Nine days later Tyrone was loaned to Welsh Premier League side Rhyl, a move made permanent in January 2010.

### Craig Lindfield (2009-10)

At the time of his release from Liverpool, Craig had picked up an injury which required a double hernia operation. On regaining full fitness he trained with Rochdale but signed for the Silkmen on Christmas Eve 2009. Due to the inclement weather, Craig had to wait almost a month to make his debut in the 0-0 draw against Port Vale. Initially he played as a striker but as the number of injuries increased he often fell back to the midfield. In 18 appearances he scored two goals and was released in the summer of 2010 going on to sign for Accrington Stanley.

### Matt Lowe (2009-10 to date)

Matt progressed through the ranks at Macclesfield and was awarded his first professional contract in the summer of 2009. Regularly an unused substitute for the senior side, Matt eventually made his League debut from the bench at Accrington in March 2010 in the fourth of six minutes of added time, and started for the first time in the 1-1 home draw against Aldershot. A versatile player who uses his long throw well, appeared at right-back and occasionally at centre-back for the reserves, but all of his 10 appearances for the senior side were in midfield.

### Greg Mills (2009-10)

A speedy attacking wide midfielder Greg spent a month on loan from Derby County making just one brief appearances from the substitutes' bench in the defeat at Bury.

### Paul Morgan (2008-09 to date)

The Macclesfield captain spent the whole of his first season on loan from Bury and quickly became a fans' favourite and was voted 'Player of the Year' in recognition of his consistent performances at centre-back. Paul made his move permanent in the summer of 2009 and only missed a few matches during the 2009-10 season through injury. Coupled with plenty of effort Paul always has a very professional approach to his game.

**Vinny Mukendi (2008-09 to date)**

The 6'6" tall, lanky striker started off the 2009-10 season as a second year trainee but was awarded his first professional contract in April 2010, becoming a regular member of the senior side for the final matches of the season. Vinny had already made his League debut in the final match of the 2008-09 season at Grimsby, and scored his first senior goal in the home win against Chesterfield in April 2010.

**Stephen Reed (2009-10)**

Stephen moved from Weymouth in the summer of 2010 and made one appearance in the second round Johnstone's Paint Trophy match at Carlisle. There were no opportunities for left-back Stephen as Carl Tremarco and Sean Hessey covered this position in the senior side, and he went on loan firstly to Grays Athletic and then back to his former club, Weymouth. Stephen was released in the summer of 2010 when he signed for Chelmsford.

**Izak Reid (2006-07 to date)**

Izak progressed through the Macclesfield ranks signing his first professional contract in the summer of 2006. A speedy, versatile right sided player featuring regularly in the starting line-up, Izak has been used both in defence and midfield during his time in the senior side.

**John Rooney (2007-08 to 2009-10)**

Given his first professional contract in the summer of 2008 after only a year as a trainee, John has featured as a striker and a midfielder, but could not attain an extended run in the starting line-up. John is the younger brother of Manchester United and England Striker, Wayne. In the summer of 2010, John turned down the offer of an extended contract.

**Ricky Sappleton (2009-10 to date)**

The big, burly striker started the 2009-10 season on loan from Leicester, a move which was made permanent in January 2010 when he was given an eighteen month contract. His season was punctuated by injuries such that he never made more than five consecutive appearances, and he was totally sidelined from March onwards with knee cartilage problems. Nevertheless, in only 26 appearances he scored seven goals and was joint-top scorer in the 2009-10 season.

**Emile Sinclair (2008-09 to date)**

Having been on loan from Nottingham Forest for the second half of the 2008-09 season, Emile made the move permanent in the summer of 2009. Predominately a striker, he sometimes played in a wide midfield role where he made many speedy runs. He completed the 2009-10 season as joint top-scorer with seven goals in 44 appearances, including a goal at Hereford in the first match after the untimely death of manager Keith Alexander.

**Michael Thomas (2009-10 to date)**

Michael is a young player who can fill either a centre-back or central midfield position. He made four brief appearances from the substitutes bench with his League debut coming at Burton at the end of September 2009 making him Macclesfield's youngest League player at that time. Michael was awarded his first professional contract in the summer of 2010.

**Matthew Tipton (2001-02 to 2004-05, 2006-07 and 2009-2010)**

Matthew moved to the Moss Rose in February 2002 and soon started to notch up various achievements. In the 2002-03 season he was joint top-scorer with 14 goals, the following season after a health scare, he was the side's top-scorer with 19 goals, voted 'Player of the Year' and in the 2004-05 season, he notched up another 14 goals including a hat-trick and was appointed captain. He moved to Mansfield Town in the summer of 2005 and then to Bury. He spent a second spell at the Moss Rose on loan from Bury for the majority of the 2006-07 season when he was used in a support role. Having spent time in non-League he returned for a third spell in the summer of 2009 again being used in a support role, many of his appearances coming from the

substitutes' bench. Nevertheless he scored five goals, including three from the penalty spot. Matthew holds the record for the highest number of goals scored by a player for Macclesfield since promotion to the Football League and has the second highest number of total appearances.

#### **Carl Tremarco (2009-10 to date)**

A former Tranmere Rovers trainee, Carl jumped at the chance to re-establish himself at league level when he signed from Wrexham in the summer of 2009. Always playing with vigour and determination at left-back, Carl proved to be an excellent signing. He missed much of the run-in of the season when he firstly underwent a hernia operation and then suffered with a groin problem, but returned for the final three matches to reclaim the left-back position as his own.

#### **Jose Veiga (2009-10 to date)**

A Cape Verde international, Jose signed from Hereford in the summer of 2009 as back-up for Jon Brain. With Brain in fine form, Jose was restricted to six appearances, keeping a clean sheet in the final match of the season at Lincoln.

#### **Kyle Wilson (2009-10)**

Moved in the summer of 2009 from Unibond Premier League side FC United of Manchester where he had been top-scorer the previous season. Kyle made his League debut in the home match against Notts County but after one more substitute appearance he suffered a series of niggling injuries. With other strikers given priority he returned to his former club on loan. On his return he still could not force his way into the side and was released in the summer of 2010 when he signed for Hyde FC.

#### **Ben Wright (2009-10)**

With League experience as a striker at Bristol City and Lincoln City, Ben signed for the Silkmen in the summer of 2009 and appeared in almost every match, although about a third of his appearances came from the substitutes' bench. The season proved to be a frustrating one for Ben who had to wait until his 20<sup>th</sup> League appearance before he scored his first goal in the home win against Hereford. A second goal followed at the end of December but it was the middle of March before he was on the score sheet again when he scored four goals in six matches. Ben was released in the summer of 2010.



## APPENDIX FOUR

*This appendix brings together all the information included in the various boxes spread throughout the book. They have been updated to include information for the 2009-10 season.*

### 13-year View

Season	Manager	League	League Position	Number of Points	Number of Goals	League Cup	FA Cup	Trophy
1997-98	Sammy McIlroy	NWL3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prom	82	63	1 <sup>st</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R
1998-99	Sammy McIlroy	NWL2	24 <sup>th</sup> Rel	43	43	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R
1999-00	Sammy McIlroy	NWL3	13 <sup>th</sup>	65	66	1 <sup>st</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R
2000-01	Peter Davenport	NWL3	14 <sup>th</sup>	56	51	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R
	Gil Prescott							
2001-02	Gil Prescott	NWL3	13 <sup>th</sup>	58	41	1 <sup>st</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R
	Kevin Keen (acting)							
2002-03	David Moss	NWL3	16 <sup>th</sup>	54	57	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R
	David Moss							
2003-04	John Askey	NWL3	20 <sup>th</sup>	52	54	1 <sup>st</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R
	Brian Horton							
2004-05	Brian Horton	CCL2	5 <sup>th</sup>	75	60	1 <sup>st</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R
2005-06	Brian Horton	CCL2	17 <sup>th</sup>	54	60	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R	NA Final
2006-07	Brian Horton	CCL2	22 <sup>nd</sup>	48	55	1 <sup>st</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R
	Ian Brightwell (acting)							
2007-08	Paul Ince	CCL2	19 <sup>th</sup>	50	47	1 <sup>st</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R	2 <sup>nd</sup> R
	Ian Brightwell							
2008-09	Keith Alexander	CCL2	20 <sup>th</sup>	47	45	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	3 <sup>rd</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R
	Keith Alexander							
2009-10	Gary Simpson	CCL2	19 <sup>th</sup>	54	49	1 <sup>st</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R	1 <sup>st</sup> R

### TOP SCORERS BY SEASON (all competitions)

1997-98	Steve Wood	13
1998-99	Graeme Tomlinson	8
1999-00	Richie Barker	17
2000-01	Lee Glover	10
2001-02	Lee Glover	13
2002-03	Matthew Tipton	14
	Danny Whitaker	14
2003-04	Matthew Tipton	19
2004-05	Jon Parkin	26
2005-06	Clyde Wijnhard	12
2007-08	Francis Green	11
2008-09	Gareth Evans	13
2009-10	Ricky Sappleton	7
	Emile Sinclair	7

# TOP 10 TOTAL PLAYER APPEARANCES (all competitions)

Darren Tinson	297
Matthew Tipton	218
John Askey	206
Danny Whitaker	202
Steve Hitchen	175
Steve Wood	172
Danny Adams	169
Chris Priest	169
Steve Wilson	154
Kevin McIntyre	153

# TOP 10 TOTAL GOAL SCORERS (all competitions)

Matthew Tipton	59
Jon Parkin	36
John Askey	34
Danny Whitaker	32
Richie Barker	26
Lee Glover	24
John Miles	22
Steve Wood	22
Gareth Evans	20
Kyle Lightbourne	17
Kevin McIntyre	17

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1997-98	Steve Wood
1998-99	Steve Hitchen
1999-00	John Askey
2000-01	Darren Tinson
2001-02	Danny Adams
2002-03	Steve Wilson
2003-04	Matthew Tipton
2004-05	Paul Harsley
2005-06	Danny Whitaker
2006-07	Kevin McIntyre
2007-08	Terry Dunfield
2008-09	Paul Morgan
2009-10	Lee Bell

# PLAYERS SCORING ON THEIR DEBUT FOR MTFC

1. Efe Sodje	9 August 1997	Torquay United (Home)
2. Michael Holt	26 September 1998	Reading (Home)
3. Richard Barker	7 August 1999	Northampton Town (Home)
4. Richard Tracey	27 January 2001	Cardiff City (Home)
5. Danny Whitaker	2 February 2002	Exeter City (Home)
6. David Eaton	12 October 2002	Kidderminster Harriers (Away)
7. John Miles	29 March 2003	Kidderminster Harriers (Home)
8. Matty McNeil	7 March 2006	Carlisle United (Home)
		NAF 2nd leg LDV Vans Trophy
9. Francis Green	11 August 2007	Bradford City (Away)
10. Martin Gritton	18 August 2007	MK Dons (Home)
11. Richard Butcher	9 February 2010	Bury (Away)

# HAT-TRICKS

## Graeme Tomlinson

Macclesfield 4 Cambridge United 1	5 December 1998	FA Cup Round 2
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## Ricky Lambert

Macclesfield Town 4 Luton Town 1	24 November 2001	Nationwide League Division 3
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## Danny Whitaker

Macclesfield Town 4 Barnsley 1 AET	11 September 2002	Worthington Cup Round 1
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## Jon Parkin

Notts County 0 Macclesfield Town 5	25 January 2005	Coca-Cola League Division 2
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## Matthew Tipton

Macclesfield Town 3 Rochdale 0	19 February 2005	Coca-Cola League Division 2
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**TOP 10 HOME ATTENDANCES**

6381	Manchester City	League	12 Sept 1998
6008	Everton	FAC Round 3	3 Jan 2009
5982	Chester City	League	25 Apr 1988
5706	West Ham United	FAC Round 3	6 Jan 2002
5223	Lincoln City	League 2	Semi Final Play-off
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	21 May 2005
5122	Notts County	League	28 Feb 1988
4553	Stockport County	League	26 Dec 2005
4451	Stockport County	League	14 Apr 2007
4325	Preston North End	League	10 Apr 1999
4244	Watford	FAC Round 3	4 Jan 2002

**TOP 10 AWAY ATTENDANCES**

41434	Chelsea	FAC Round 3	6 Jan 2007
31086	Manchester City	League	20 Feb 1999
15053	Hull City	League	1 Nov 2003
14197	Coventry City	FAC Round 3	2 Jan 1999
13981	Stoke City	League	15 Aug 1988
13401	Bradford City	League	11 Aug 2007
11395	Bradford City	League	5 Apr 2010
11908	Bradford City	League	3 Mar 2009
10500	Burnley	League	28 Mar 1999
10316	Preston North End	League	20 Oct 1998

**AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCES**

1997-98	2905
1998-99	3311
1999-00	2304
2000-01	2064
2001-02	2123
2002-03	2110
2003-04	2390
2004-05	2277
2005-06	2275
2006-07	2428
2007-08	2309
2008-09	1897
2009-10	1934

## ERRATA

Every effort was made to ensure that the contents of *Macclesfield Town Football Club - The League Story so far* were accurate, but with such a vast amount of detail, unfortunately, some gremlins crept in, including omissions and requested amendments which were not made at the production stage. However, listed below are the errors which have come to light since publication.

Page 63	The two legs of the Worthington Cup match against Bolton Wanderers have been reversed. The first leg took place at the Reebok Stadium with the victorious leg following at the Moss Rose.
Page 80	'Colin Holt' should read 'Michael Holt'
Page 82	Here tribute is paid to commentator Chris Fear following his untimely death with a reference to his colourful commentaries, and by way of example, comments on the pies on offer on match days is given. However, our good friend, Nick Wright of Canalside Community Radio, claims that when he was co-commentator with Chris, it was he who was the expert on the quality of the pies! However, we have to remember that John Slater was Chris' last co-commentator, allowing Chris to then become the pie expert!!
Page 127	Second paragraph, fifth line – read 'beat' for 'beaten'
Page 128	The picture caption should read 'Alan Navarro'
Page 177	Read 'Shaun Brisley' in the picture caption
Page 180	Add 'defender Andrew Teague' to the names of players released
Page 220	'Colin Holt' should read 'Michael Holt'
Appendix 4	<div> <div>Add</div> <div> <div>Blackpool</div> <div>Harlow Town</div> </div> <div> <div>12 August 2008</div> <div>8 November 2008</div> </div> <div> <div>H 2-0 W CC R1</div> <div>A 2-0 W FACR1</div> </div> </div>





# Macclesfield Town Football Club Squad 2009-2010



## Back Row

Matthew Tipton, Paul Morgan, Kyle Wilson, Jon Brain, Ross Draper,  
Jose Veiga, Paul Bolland, Lee Bell, Carl Tremarco

## Middle Row

Nick Reid (Physio), Paul Geaney (Masseur), Sean Hessey, Nat Brown, Ben Wright,  
Matthew Flynn, Shaun Brisley, Hamza Bencherif, Emile Sinclair, Colin Daniel,  
Steve Cherry (Goalkeeping Coach), Gary Simpson (Assistant Manager)

## Front Row

John Rooney, Matt Lowe, Tyrone Kirk, Keith Alexander (Manager),  
Stephen Reed, Izak Reid, Kristian Dennis