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REVIEW OF THE WEEK

The weather played havoc with Saturday's fixtures across the North of the region with a total of just seven fixtures in both the Premier Division and the First Division North surviving the deluge although the First Division South did somewhat better with only two games falling victim. In the top tier WITTON ALBION extended their lead to ten points when winning 2-1 at WORKSOP TOWN and the leaders remain unbeaten in the league since the opening day of the campaign. MARINE stay third after winning 5-3 at home to ILKESTON TOWN who provide great entertainment for the fans having already lost two other games this season 4-5. The remaining action was at the opposite end of the table where FRICKLEY ATHLETIC won for only the second time this season but still remain bottom after beating 18th placed LINCOLN UNITED. Dropping in to the bottom two are KENDAL TOWN whose game at MATLOCK TOWN was abandoned after twenty minutes with the score 1-1 leaving the Lake District side to be overtaken by NORTH FERRIBY UNITED who inflicted a surprise defeat on BUXTON who could have gone fourth with a win. It was Buxton's first defeat in nine outings.

All four top sides in the First Division North were rained off but NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR fell out of the play-off positions when they surrendered an interval lead at SKELMERSDALE UNITED allowing OSSETT ALBION to occupy the last play-off spot after a 4-1 success against GARFORTH TOWN. The only other game to take place in this Division saw WAKEFIELD beat WOODLEY SPORTS 2-0.

RETFORD UNITED have now gone eight points clear on level games from CAMELL LAIRD in the South section after putting a halt to STOCKSBRIDGE's run of four straight wins and have now conceded only one goal in their last five league outings. The next four in the table below Laird's also all won as GOOLE made it just one defeat in their last dozen games, NANTWICH made it twelve goals in their last three games with a 5-1 win at CARLTON TOWN, GRANTHAM TOWN came from behind to win at KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC and BELPER TOWN hit six without reply against WARRINGTON TOWN who have lost their last five league games without scoring and have conceded fifteen times in the three games under new manager Paul Moore. BRIGG TOWN are now seven games without picking up a point after losing at COLWYN BAY whilst next to bottom SPALDING UNITED got off to a flyer when Danny Hargreaves netted after just 42 seconds but that was as good as it got for them with visiting ALSAGER TOWN running in four later in the game.

SPALDING'S HARGREAVES JUST MISSES OUT

Spalding United haven't been setting the world on fire in the First Division South but their popular midfielder Danny Hargreaves only just missed out in a Footballer of the Year contest in a Sports Awards ceremony organised by local newspapers. He finished a highly creditable runner-up after polling enough votes to land a top three nomination with the eventual winner being Danny Matson of Eagle Bitter United Counties League champions Deeping Rangers. The other finalist was Peterborough United's young full back Danny Andrews.

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HARROGATE BOW OUT IN STYLE

UniBond League interest in the FA Cup is over for another year but the League's last survivors Harrogate Railway Athletic bowed out in style last Sunday when they were somewhat unlucky not to earn a replay in their televised encounter against Mansfield Town. The Football League club edged Harrogate out 3-2 but had their fair share of frights before managing to do so.

Harrogate had to work hard to even get the game started as a deluge was in danger of leaving the ground waterlogged until the local Fire Brigade came to the rescue pumping lots of rainwater from the playing surface to enable the game to go ahead live on BBC 1. The amount of coverage given to the UniBond brand in front of the cameras prompted the League's sponsors Henkel to award a discretionary special award of £250 to Harrogate who became the second club this season to so benefit. Earlier in the campaign Sheffield FC were also awarded a special payment of the same amount for the amount of extra coverage their 150th Anniversary as the oldest club in the world had created for the UniBond brand.

KITTRICK IN SHOCK SWITCH

The number of UniBond League managerial changes went past the 25% mark this week when Ossett Town were shocked to learn their manager for the past two years Steve Kittrick and his Assistant Wayne Benn were quitting to move to fellow West Riding club Guiseley. The pair, who became the fifteenth managerial change of the UniBond season, tendered their resignation out of the blue after Ossett's defeat in their midweek County Cup tie against Bradford Park Avenue. Kittrick was in his fourth season with the club having been Assistant to previous boss Steve Richards. When Richards left, Kittrick became caretaker manager and did so well that he landed the job. He brought Benn in as his Assistant in July 2006.

Ossett wasted no time in finding a replacement even though Reserve team boss Phil Thompson would have taken charge of team affairs had today's game against Eastwood Town gone ahead. With that game postponed however Simon Collins, who ironically was signed as a player by Kittrick earlier this season but never featured before being released, will now take over assisted by former Wakefield manager Gareth Stoker for next week's FA Trophy tie at Stafford Rangers.

Collins enjoyed a long career in the full time game appearing for Huddersfield Town, Plymouth Argyle, Macclesfield Town and Shrewsbury Town before playing abroad in Hong Kong and Australia. He has plenty of UniBond playing experience with Frickley Athletic for whom he made well over a century of appearances. Stoker, too, is very experienced having played in the Football League with Hull City, Hereford United, Cardiff City and Rochdale after starting out as a trainee with Leeds United. After his Football League career finished he moved in to the Conference with Scarborough and then Leigh RMI before signing for Wakefield last season. He later took over as player-manager in January when Paul David stood down and guided the Yorkshire side to a Chairman's Cup Final appearance.

Guiseley, meanwhile, despite having recruited Kittrick and Benn have retained the services of Mark Ellis as first team coach.

It was the second week in succession that a manager had quit without notice to move elsewhere in the League following Paul Moore's resignation last week from his post at Leek to switch to Warrington Town.

SHEFFIELD MAKE HALL OF FAME

UniBond club Sheffield FC this week added another bit of history to their illustrious past when they became the first ever club to be elected in to the Hall of Fame at the National Football Museum in Preston. The club were added to the list, normally reserved for players, managers and officials, as a mark of recognition for their 150th Anniversary. Also being initiated alongside Sheffield at the event held at Old Trafford were Mark Hughes, Glenn Hoddle, Graeme Souness, Terry Venables, Niall Quinn and Nobby Stiles.

Sheffield Chairman Richard Tims, who collected the award along with manager Dave McCarthy, said "It is a great honour for Sheffield FC to become the first ever club to be elected in to the National Hall of Fame. Football fans from all over the country will now be able to learn more about our small club which has played such a massive role in the development of this world wide game".

UNIBOND LEAGUE CUP DRAWS

Wins after extra-time for Curzon Ashton, who also needed penalties to oust Nantwich Town from the League Challenge Cup, and Radcliffe Borough in the President's Cup at home to Warrington Town completed the last sixteen of this season's two domestic knock out competitions. The revised draws are as follows with the ties to be played in early January -

UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – 4th Round

Fleetwood Town	v Marine	North Ferriby United	v Worksop Town
Gateshead	v Sheffield FC	Skelmersdale United	v Leek Town
Guiseley	v Eastwood Town	Whitby Town	v Frickley Athletic
Ilkeston Town	v Hednesford Town	Witton Albion	v Curzon Ashton

UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – 3rd Round

Brigg Town	v Bradford Park Avenue	Ossett Albion	v Colwyn Bay
FC United of M/cr	v Rossendale United	Retford United	v Sheffield FC
Goole AFC	v Stocksbridge PS	Skelmersdale United	v Radcliffe Borough
Nantwich Town	v Cammell Laird	Wakefield FC	v Belper Town

MARINE STAGE SECOND CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DAY

Following a hugely successful Christmas Community day last season Marine FC repeated the event at today's game against Ilkeston Town. England player Jamie Carragher sent a signed pair of boots for the half-time raffle prize.

UNIBOND LEAGUE TELEVISION

Forthcoming Games

Tue 11 th Dec	Buxton v Fleetwood Town	Live Game
Sat 15 th Dec	Ossett Alb v FC United	Match of the Week
Sat 22 nd Dec	Hednesford T v Fleetwood T	Match of the Week
Wed 26 th Dec	Marine v Leek Town	Live Game
Sat 29 th Dec	Curzon Ashton v FC United of M.cr	Possible Live Game *
Tue 1 st Jan	Frickley Ath v Guiseley	Possible Live Game *

* If not live then Match of the Week.

All games can be accessed through the banner link on www.unibondleague.com and are subject to change.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH – RESULTS, SCORERS, LEAGUE TABLE ETC

Sunday, 2nd December 2007

FA CUP – 2nd Round Proper

HARROGATE RAILWAY	2 Mansfield Town	3
Davidson 61,84.	Jelleyman 38, Boulding 51,77.	Att.1486

Monday, 3rd December 2007

UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – 3rd Round

CURZON ASHTON	1 NANTWICH TOWN	1
Norton 31.	Carter 48.	Att.109
(AET - Curzon Ashton won 5-4 on pens)		

Tuesday, 4th December 2007

UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – 2nd Round

RADCLIFFE BOROUGH	4 WARRINGTON TOWN	1
Connell 89, Manning 97, Sampson 110, Howson 118.	Ellison 26.	Att.102

(After Extra-Time)

LANCS FA "COOPERATIVE TROPHY – 2nd Round

Burscough	2 BAMBER BRIDGE	1
Smart 33, Roberts 113.	Davies 11og.	Att.167

LANCS FA "COOPERATIVE" TROPHY – 3rd Round

CHORLEY	3 FLEETWOOD TOWN	1
Brookes 3,49, Burke 30.	Denney 71.	Att.130

Wednesday, 5th December 2007

WEST RIDING COUNTY CUP – 2nd Round

HARROGATE RAILWAY	P Tadcaster Albion	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		

Saturday, 8th December 2007

BRADFORD PARK AVE	P LANCASTER CITY	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		
CLITHEROE	P RADCLIFFE BORO'	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		
FC UNITED of M/CR	P CHORLEY	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		
HARROGATE RAILWAY	P CURZON ASHTON	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		
MOSSLEY	P BRIDLINGTON TOWN	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		
OSSETT ALBION	4 GARFORTH TOWN	1
Senior 12, Kelsey 74, Syers 78, West 84.	Muddall 90.	Att.114
ROSSENDALE UNITED	P BAMBER BRIDGE	P
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)		
SKELMERSDALE UTD	2 NEWCASTLE BS	1
Evans 52, Leadbetter 57.	Gordon 3.	Att.166
WAKEFIELD FC	2 WOODLEY SPORTS	0
Marchant 37, Ferguson 59.		Att. 65

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	
16	3	19	Rory PATTERSON (FC Utd of M/cr)
14	7	21	Michael NORTON (Curzon Ashton)
13	9	22	Tony EVANS (Skelmersdale United)
11	9	20	Ryan SALMON (Bamber Bridge)
11	2	13	Mike MOSELEY (Bradford Park Avenue)
11	2	13	Lee NOVAK (Newcastle Blue Star)
9	0	9	Gareth HAMLET (Mossley)
8	4	12	Danny TORONCZAK(Mossley 5+4-Belper)
7	4	11	Paul GEDMAN (Bradford Park Ave)
7	3	10	Neil TOWLER (Bridlington Town)
7	2	9	Neil ZARAC (Clitheroe-2 for Rossendale)

LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Saturday, 8th December 2007)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 CURZON ASHTON	18	12	5	1	38	14	41
2 BRADFORD PARK AVE	17	12	1	4	44	21	37
3 BAMBER BRIDGE	15	10	2	3	28	12	32
4 FC UNITED OF M/CR	18	10	1	7	38	23	31
5 OSSETT ALBION	20	9	4	7	39	38	31
6 NEWCASTLE BLUE ST	19	8	6	5	35	23	30
7 SKELMERSDALE UTD	16	8	5	3	35	23	29
8 GARFORTH TOWN	20	8	4	8	29	28	28
9 MOSSLEY	19	8	3	8	32	36	27
10 WAKEFIELD FC	17	6	4	7	22	20	22
11 LANCASTER CITY	18	6	4	8	25	33	22
12 HARROGATE RAILWAY	15	5	4	6	15	18	19
13 WOODLEY SPORTS	18	4	6	8	18	29	18
14 ROSSENDALE UNITED	18	5	3	10	24	40	18
15 BRIDLINGTON TOWN	18	4	4	10	17	43	16
16 CLITHEROE	14	4	3	7	22	25	15
17 CHORLEY	16	1	7	8	17	35	10
18 RADCLIFFE BOROUGH	14	0	4	10	8	25	4

SIGNINGS

CLITHEROE	
William EXTON	Padiham
Michael SAUNDERS	Fleetwood Town
OSSETT ALBION	
Damian HOPKINS	Bradford City (Loan Extended)

CURRENT FORM SEQUENCES

(League Games Only)

CONSECUTIVE WINS

7 – Bradford Park Avenue
4 – Bamber Bridge
2 – Curzon Ashton, Mossley, Skelmersdale Utd, Wakefield

GAMES WITHOUT DEFEAT

7 – Bradford Park Avenue
4 – Bamber Bridge, Curzon Ashton, Skelmersdale Utd, Wakefield

CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS

4 – Rossendale United
3 – Garforth Town

GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

14 – Chorley, Radcliffe Borough
6 – Lancaster City
4 – Rossendale United, Woodley Sports

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH – RESULTS, SCORERS, LEAGUE TABLE ETC

Saturday, 8th December 2007

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

<p>BELPER TOWN Smith 26, Tracey 37,54, Hannah 44,85, Rushbury 57.</p> <p>CARLTON TOWN Brady 44.</p> <p>COLWYN BAY Crowder 12, Murt 78, Lawless 81pen.</p> <p>GOOLE AFC Hill 13, Danby 64, Bray 70.</p> <p>GRESLEY ROVERS (Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)</p> <p>KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC Jones 17.</p> <p>RETFORD UNITED Harvey 48,56, Goddard 90.</p> <p>SHEPSHED DYNAMO (Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)</p> <p>SPALDING UNITED Hargreaves 1.</p>	<p>6 WARRINGTON TOWN 0 Att.113</p> <p>1 NANTWICH TOWN 5 Kinnsey 20, Parkinson 49, Suhaj 51,83, Blackhurst 72. Att. 80</p> <p>3 BRIGG TOWN 1 Day 10. Att.303</p> <p>3 QUORN 0 Att.147</p> <p>P SHEFFIELD FC P</p> <p>1 GRANTHAM TOWN 2 Beeston 22og, McDaid 65. Att.127</p> <p>3 STOCKSBRIDGE PS 0 Att.173</p> <p>P CAMMELL LAIRD P (Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)</p> <p>1 ALSAGER TOWN 4 Owen 45,47, Budrys 48, Whittaker 85. Att. 93</p>	
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Lge	Cup	Tot	
16	4	20	Neil HARVEY (Retford United)
14	2	16	Alex HAY (Cammell Laird)
10	4	14	Ross HANNAH (Belper Town)
10	3	13	Daryl THOMAS (Carlton Town)
10	3	13	Sam WILKINSON (Grantham Town)
9	5	14	Neil BLACK (Colwyn Bay)
9	5	14	David BLENKINSOPP (Gresley Rovers)
9	4	13	Sam MULLARKEY (Grantham Town)
8	5	13	John LAWLESS (Colwyn Bay)
8	4	12	Ashley CARTER (Nantwich Town)
8	4	12	Ross HANNAH (Belper Town)
8	2	10	Phil BIGNALL (Carlton Town)
8	2	10	Brendan McDAID (Grantham Town)
8	2	10	Duncan BRAY (Goole AFC)
8	1	9	Mick GODDARD (Retford United)
7	4	11	Dave WHITTAKER (Alsager Town)
7	1	8	Anthony MURT (Colwyn Bay)
7	0	7	Martin BALL (Carlton Town)

SIGNINGS

BRIGG TOWN	Matthew SMITH	Scunthorpe United
CARLTON TOWN	Paolo PILIERO	Ilkeston Town
GRANTHAM TOWN	Adam STURGESS	Rothwell Town
KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	Junior BROWN	Crewe Alexandra (Loan Ext'd)
NANTWICH TOWN	Kevin WARD	Spalding United
WARRINGTON TOWN	Anthony DANIELS	Prescot Cables
	Anthony FILIPEK	Leigh RMI
	Matthew FLYNN	Macclesfield Town (Loan)
	Shane McWEENEY	Tranmere Rovers (Wk Exp'ce)
	Carl RENDELL	Leek Town
	Francis SMITH	Leigh RMI

CURRENT FORM SEQUENCES

(League Games Only)

CONSECUTIVE WINS

5 – Retford United
3 – Belper Town, Nantwich Town

GAMES WITHOUT DEFEAT

5 – Retford United
3 – Belper Town, Nantwich Town

CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS

7 – Brigg Town
5 – Warrington Town

GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

13 – Brigg Town
5 – Spalding United, Warrington Town

LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Saturday, 8th December 2007)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 RETFORD UNITED	18	15	0	3	45	14	45
2 CAMMELL LAIRD	18	12	1	5	37	20	37
3 GOOLE AFC	19	11	3	5	34	20	36
4 GRANTHAM TOWN	19	10	3	6	36	30	33
5 NANTWICH TOWN	17	10	1	6	34	15	31
6 BELPER TOWN	18	9	4	5	36	26	31
7 SHEFFIELD FC	14	9	2	3	23	14	29
8 GRESLEY ROVERS	19	9	1	9	27	32	28
9 QUORN	18	8	2	8	29	26	26
10 ALSAGER TOWN	18	7	4	7	26	25	25
11 COLWYN BAY	15	7	3	5	34	21	24
12 CARLTON TOWN	20	6	5	9	40	43	23
13 STOCKSBRIDGE PS	16	6	4	6	22	25	22
14 WARRINGTON TOWN	17	6	2	9	15	37	20
15 KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	19	4	3	12	24	40	15
16 SHEPSHED DYNAMO	16	3	5	8	14	29	14
17 SPALDING UNITED	18	1	4	13	19	50	7
18 BRIGG TOWN	19	1	3	15	19	47	6

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FIXTURES

Tuesday, 11th December 2007

PREMIER DIVISION

Buxton v Fleetwood Town
Guiseley v Frickley Athletic

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Chorley v Woodley Sports
Clitheroe v Radcliffe Borough

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Shepshed Dynamo v Stocksbridge PS

LANCS FA "COOPERATIVE TROPHY" - Quarter Finals

Southport v ROSSENDALE UNITED

LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP – Quarter Finals

SKELMERSDALE UNITED v Tranmere Rovers

Wednesday, 12th December 2007

WEST RIDING COUNTY CUP – 2nd Round

HARROGATE RAILWAY v Tadcaster Avenue

Saturday, 15th December 2007

PREMIER DIVISION

Ashton United v Matlock Town
Buxton v Frickley Athletic
Fleetwood Town v Eastwood Town
Hednesford Town v Whitby Town
Ilkeston Town v Prescott Cables
Kendal Town v Lincoln United
Leek Town v Worksop Town
North Ferriby United v Marine
Stamford v Witton Albion

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Curzon Ashton v Mossley
Garforth Town v Bridlington Town
Harrogate Railway Athletic v Skelmersdale United
Newcastle Blue Star v Bradford Park Avenue
Ossett Albion v FC United of Manchester
Radcliffe Borough v Chorley
Wakefield FC v Clitheroe
Woodley Sports v Rossendale United

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Alsager Town v Gresley Rovers
Brigg Town v Belper Town
Cammell Laird v Spalding United
Grantham Town v Shepshed Dynamo
Quorn v Nantwich Town
Sheffield FC v Carlton Town
Stocksbridge PS v Kidsgrove Athletic
Warrington Town v Goole AFC

FA TROPHY – 1st Round Proper

BAMBER BRIDGE v Rushden & Diamonds
COLWYN BAY v Burton Albion
GATESHEAD v Farsley Celtic
GUISELEY v Kidderminster Harriers
Histon v RETFORD UNITED
Stafford Rangers v OSSETT TOWN

Tuesday, 18th December 2007

DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – 3rd Round

BELPER TOWN v New Mills
Borrowash Victoria v ILKESTON TOWN
Glapwell v MATLOCK TOWN
GRESLEY ROVERS v Long Eaton United

Wednesday, 19th December 2007

DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – 3rd Round

BUXTON v Glossop North End

NORTH RIDING SENIOR CUP – 1st Round Proper

WHITBY TOWN v Teesside Athletic

Saturday, 22nd December 2007

PREMIER DIVISION

Eastwood Town v Guiseley
Frickley Athletic v Witton Albion
Gateshead v Ashton United
Hednesford Town v Fleetwood Town
Marine v Buxton
North Ferriby United v Stamford
Ossett Town v Kendal Town

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Bradford Park Avenue v Radcliffe Borough
Bridlington Town v Bamber Bridge
Chorley v Mossley
Clitheroe v Curzon Ashton
FC United of Manchester v Woodley Sports
Garforth Town v Wakefield FC
Lancaster City v Newcastle Blue Star
Ossett Albion v Rossendale United
Skelmersdale United v Harrogate Railway Athletic

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Belper Town v Cammell Laird
Brigg Town v Alsager Town
Colwyn Bay v Carlton Town
Kidsgrove Athletic v Goole AFC
Nantwich Town v Grantham Town
Retford United v Quorn
Shepshed Dynamo v Sheffield FC
Spalding United v Gresley Rovers
Stocksbridge PS v Warrington Town

Wednesday, 26th December 2007

PREMIER DIVISION

Fleetwood Town v Kendal Town
Guiseley v Gateshead
Lincoln United v Eastwood Town
Marine v Leek Town
Matlock Town v Ilkeston Town
Ossett Town v Frickley Athletic
Prescot Cables v Hednesford Town
Whitby Town v North Ferriby United
Witton Albion v Ashton United
Worksop Town v Stamford

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Bamber Bridge v Chorley
Curzon Ashton v Ossett Albion
Harrogate Railway Athletic v Bradford Park Avenue
Mossley v Lancaster City
Newcastle Blue Star v Garforth Town
Radcliffe Borough v FC United of Manchester
Rossendale United v Clitheroe
Woodley Sports v Skelmersdale United

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Alsager Town v Kidsgrove Athletic
Cammell Laird v Colwyn Bay
Carlton Town v Retford United
Goole AFC v Brigg Town (1.00pm)
Grantham Town v Spalding United
Gresley Rovers v Shepshed Dynamo (1.00pm)
Quorn v Belper Town (12.00noon)
Sheffield FC v Stocksbridge PS(12.00noon)
Warrington Town v Nantwich Town