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## **REVIEW OF THE HOLIDAY PERIOD**

WITTON ALBION, whose only defeat of the season had come on the first day of the season, promptly lost their first game of 2008 when they went down at EASTWOOD TOWN today but their 100% home record was maintained over the festive period with wins against ASHTON UNITED and BUXTON and that enabled them to stay twelve points clear of FLEETWOOD TOWN who dropped points in a 1-1 draw at KENDAL TOWN. Fleetwood, however, have four games in hand. It wasn't a good holiday period for third place MARINE who only picked up four points from their four games whilst Eastwood with ten points over the holidays move in to the play-off spots at the expense of GUISELEY who picked up a solitary point. At the opposite end of the table bottom club FRICKLEY ATHLETIC got in to high spirits with two wins from three games and are now only three points adrift of LINCOLN UNITED and KENDAL TOWN with the former having just one win in their last seventeen matches.

First Division leaders CURZON ASHTON had the stuffing knocked out of them losing both their games that survived the weather but still lead by two points as nearest challengers BRADFORD PARK AVENUE won only one of their three! The big gainers were SKELMERSDALE UNITED who move in to third after making it six wins on the bounce with a comfortable New Year's Day 4-0 win over BAMBER BRIDGE who have seen their promotion hopes take a dive with three successive defeats over the holidays. Moving back in to the play-off zone are OSSETT ALBION and FC UNITED of MANCHESTER both of whom were unbeaten during the season of goodwill. Bottom club RADCLIFFE BOROUGH also had a superb time gaining their first home point before winning their first league game of the season in their last fixture of the year and then doubling up on the first day of the New Year. After being marooned they are now within touching distance of BRIDLINGTON TOWN whilst WOODLEY SPORTS will be looking anxiously over their shoulders as they continue to drop like a stone and their pointless holiday programme leaves them with just one win in eighteen after a promising start. ROSSENDALE UNITED twice snatched a point after being two down with two minutes to play first against CHORLEY and then at CLITHEROE on New Year's Day.

RETFORD UNITED continue to lead the First Division South despite drawing three of their four holiday games but CAMELL LAIRD who won three and drew one of their four games are now only three points adrift whilst GRESLEY ROVERS had a 100% holiday programme and move in to third. Down in seventh SHEFFIELD are a big danger to all with lots of games in hand. Bottom of the table before Christmas BRIGG TOWN, like their counterparts in the other two Divisions, had a fantastic time and surged off bottom spot with three wins and an incredible 4-4 draw against ALSAGER TOWN after leading four times! They seem to have unearthed a gem in Rick Day who has scored in each of their last five games since signing from local football. CARLTON TOWN staged the comeback of the year winning 4-3 at COLWYN BAY after being three down but the Welsh side learned their lesson to ensure there was no such recovery by WARRINGTON TOWN who they hit for seven to celebrate New Year in style.

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## **STATEMENT RE FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER**

The UniBond League are disappointed that a member club, FC United of Manchester, has made the decision to publish on their Official Website a statement which brings in to question the integrity of the League and its serving officers.

The UniBond League confirmed that the fixture Curzon Ashton v FC United of Manchester was to remain as published to kick off at 12:45 on the 29<sup>th</sup> December. At a meeting between Mr John Warrington of Invision and League Officers, Mr Warrington, mainly due to concern relating to threats he had received against his TV crew and their equipment, made the offer to stand down from broadcasting live the Curzon Ashton fixture but the League did not agree to this suggestion. Curzon Ashton FC were made aware of their responsibility to ensure the safety of all people attending the game and they have conducted themselves impeccably throughout the whole of this sorry affair. The safety issues included FC United supporters who had expressed concerns that they did not support the boycott but were frightened for their personal safety from a minority who wished to take aggressive action against anyone who didn't share their views.

FC United of Manchester Football Club have made reference to a meeting between itself and two of our league officers. This meeting was facilitated by Mr Andy Walsh at the request of the club to discuss the commercial operation of FCUM TV and how the UniBond League's agreement with Invision would impact on the ability of FCUM TV to transmit pre recorded or live transmissions via their own website. The Terms of Reference for this meeting could not have included any dispensation to League Rule 8.13 which states "The Competition Secretary reserves the right to amend scheduled fixtures and kick-off times to meet television requirements as necessary."

The league officers attending the meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> categorically refute the accusation made by FC United of Manchester that a verbal agreement relating to kick off times was made. Had they done so, then these officers would have been acting outside their authority. However, by accepting promotion to the UniBond League, FC United of Manchester, like all UniBond League member clubs are obliged to accept unconditionally the articles and rules of the competition. These rules are not subject to negotiation by any one member club. FC United of Manchester have not lodged any official document to the UniBond League stating they have a problem with rule 8.13. If they had done so it would have been dealt with through the due processes of the league and would have been recorded in the minutes of the meeting the correspondence was considered.

FC United of Manchester also make reference to a document distributed to all member clubs as a "Frequently Asked Questions" [FAQ] that was sent to clubs in November. This FAQ is a document that makes no reference to kick off times which are covered in rule 8.13.

FC United of Manchester have stated that the UniBond League ignored the wishes of both clubs after having initially consulted them over the change to the kick off time. As with all matches that are subject to being covered by NPL TV the home club is consulted as to the operational logistics required by the TV crew. Curzon Ashton FC were consulted to ensure there would be no operational difficulties with regards to bringing the kick off time forward. FC United of Manchester were told of the change to the kick off time as part of a telephone conversation covering other matters of league business. FC United of Manchester did state they were not happy with the proposal, and as is the position for all clubs, they were entitled to have their case considered by the League Management Committee. This was done on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and is recorded in the minutes of that meeting. The decision was that the game should be played with a kick off of 12:45. Both clubs in accordance with league rules were informed of the change to the kick off time.

The UniBond League is disappointed that FC United of Manchester advised their supporters not to attend the away fixture at Curzon Ashton as this action only harms one of their fellow member clubs. It couldn't put pressure on the league to change rule 8.13 as this can only be done through a process involving all clubs nationally at Steps 1-4 [Conference National to NPL/SL/IL First Divisions] and it also didn't give FC United of Manchester FC any leverage in making them an exception to rule 8.13.

The UniBond League have the right to conclude that, by taking promotion to the league, FC United of Manchester accept unconditionally the rules of the competition. However, if they believe that the ethos of their club has difficulty embracing those rules then the club must seriously consider at which level of football they wish to play.

## **STATEMENT RE FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER (Cont)**

UniBond League Chairman Peter Maude added: "The decision of FC United of Manchester to contest the kick off time of their game at Curzon Ashton on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December, a FIFA requirement to enable the game to be televised live, has led to a number of unwelcome issues and allegations which constitute a total negation of the sporting ethos of the UniBond League and its member clubs.

Different recollections of what was said and what was meant at an informal meeting in July between League representatives and FC United of Manchester officials seem to be at the centre of the problem, and without notes of the meeting, there can be no satisfactory conclusion.

However, the UniBond League Board of Directors have every confidence in their League Officers and individual members of the Board to carry out their duties for the express benefit of our member clubs without fear or favour and their integrity is without question!"

## **UNIBOND "CLUB OF THE MONTH" AWARDS**

WITTON ALBION became the first club this season to win a UniBond League "Club of the Month" award for a second time when they scooped the top tier prize for December with five wins and a draw in their six fixtures. Both Eastwood Town and Stamford were also unbeaten but only had three wins in five outings. The First Division North award went to SKELMERSDALE UNITED with an unblemished record of six straight wins with their nearest challengers, somewhat surprisingly given their earlier form, being Chorley who only lost one of their six matches. GRESLEY ROVERS won the First Division South prize with five wins from six games chased by Belper Town who won four of their six.

## **LINCOLN APPOINT SHAW**

Lincoln United have appointed Mark Shaw as manager thus ending player/caretaker boss Chris White's temporary tenure after seven games with just one point to show for his efforts. White had stood in after John Ramshaw's departure in November and ironically Shaw's first game in charge was against Eastwood Town where Ramshaw is now assistant to Paul Cox. It is the first time that Smith, a former Retford United manager and Northampton Town player, has managed in the UniBond League. White, meanwhile, has subsequently signed for Hednesford Town

## **BAKER BACK**

Neil Baker, who as Leek Town's manager was one of the best known faces on the UniBond League circuit in the nineties before leaving to take up a post at Crewe Alexandra, is back at Leek helping new player-boss Wayne Johnson on the coaching side as and when he can. He is the second former Leek boss to return to help Johnson with Mark Cartwright also having lent a hand as has former defender Matt Beeby. However, none of the three can devote more than the occasional assistance as Johnson tries to juggle playing with managing and consequently the club are still searching for an experienced coach to give the club some stability.

## **OBITUARY**

Keith Smith, Chairman of Eastwood Town until resigning due to health problems earlier this season, passed away just prior to Christmas. Under his stewardship the club achieved two promotions whilst off the field the Directors Stand, trainers boxes and a large scale upgrading of the Social Club were all achieved under his guidance. The League sends its condolences to both the club and to Mr Smith's family.

## **GRANTHAM SIGN FLEMING**

Grantham Town have signed 34 year old midfielder Terry Fleming who played in the Premiership for Coventry City and clocked up more than five hundred appearances in the full time game for Coventry, Northampton Town, Preston North End, Plymouth Argyle, Cambridge United, Grimsby Town, Kidderminster Harriers and Lincoln City.

## PREMIER DIVISION – RESULTS, SCORERS.

### Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>FA TROPHY – 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper</b>		
<b>GUISELEY</b>	<b>1 Kidderminster Harriers</b>	<b>2</b>
Hanson 3.	Penn 77, Harkness 90.	Att.312
<b>DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round</b>		
<b>Borrowash Victoria</b>	<b>0 ILKESTON TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
	Lee 57, Newton 72, Holmes 81.	Att. 60
<b>Glapwell</b>	<b>2 MATLOCK TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Rimmington 35, Bleckley 66.	Donnelly-Jackson 44.	Att.95

### Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>FA TROPHY – 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper Replay</b>		
<b>Farsley Celtic</b>	<b>4 GATESHEAD</b>	<b>1</b>
McClen 37og, Billy 38, Tuck 74,85.	Southern 10.	Att. 92
<b>DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Proper</b>		
<b>BUXTON</b>	<b>3 Glossop North End</b>	<b>0</b>
OG 24, Walker 38, Turley 40.	Att. n/k	
<b>NORTH RIDING SENIOR CUP – 1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>		
<b>WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>2 Teeside Athletic</b>	<b>0</b>
Claisse, Ormerod.		Att.140

### Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2007

<b>EASTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>3 GUISELEY</b>	<b>2</b>
Brown 18, Mitchell 20, Shaw 89.	Hanson 30, Smith 45.	Att.232
<b>FRICKLEY ATHLETIC</b>	<b>0 WITTON ALBION</b>	<b>1</b>
	Wilson 20.	Att.254
<b>GATESHEAD</b>	<b>1 ASHTON UNITED</b>	<b>1</b>
Armstrong 25.	Canning 82.	Att.205
<b>HEDNESFORD TOWN</b>	<b>0 FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
	Walmsley 10, Milligan 42, Taylor 89.	Att.322
<b>LEEK TOWN</b>	<b>P WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>P</b>
	(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)	
<b>MARINE</b>	<b>0 BUXTON</b>	<b>1</b>
	Foster 67.	Att.374
<b>NORTH FERRIBY UTD</b>	<b>2 STAMFORD</b>	<b>3</b>
Fry 42pen, Cooke 82.	White 41, Battersby 84pen, Thompson 90og.	Att.177
<b>OSSETT TOWN</b>	<b>2 KENDAL TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Marsh 89,90.	Fildes 63.	Att.119

### Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>3 KENDAL TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
Brown 10, Pond 77pen, Walmsley 80.	Fildes 60,72.	Att.731
<b>GUISELEY</b>	<b>1 GATESHEAD</b>	<b>2</b>
Smith 61.	Southern 30,56.	Att.432
<b>LINCOLN UNITED</b>	<b>1 EASTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
Carchedi 78.	Brown 39, Wiggans-Thomas 80.	Att.146
<b>MARINE</b>	<b>3 LEEK TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Latham 43,88pen, Brookfield 89.		Att.352
<b>MATLOCK TOWN</b>	<b>1 ILKESTON TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Benger 8.	Woolley 57.	Att.464
<b>OSSETT TOWN</b>	<b>0 FRICKLEY ATHLETIC</b>	<b>1</b>
	Morris 23.	Att.294
<b>PRESCOT CABLES</b>	<b>2 HEDNESFORD TOWN</b>	<b>5</b>
Dyer 28og, Price 90.	Hanna 2, Nagington 30, Dyer 41, Brown 72, Maguire 90+3.	Att.229
<b>WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>2 NORTH FERRIBY UTD</b>	<b>3</b>
Brunskill 58,90.	Bradshaw 28, Foot 45, Hall 76.	Att.392
<b>WITTON ALBION</b>	<b>2 ASHTON UNITED</b>	<b>1</b>
Wilson 36, Warlow 38.	Smith 41.	Att.495
<b>WORKSOP TOWN</b>	<b>2 STAMFORD</b>	<b>2</b>
Cockerill 28, White 52.	Wormall 12, Colkin 67pen.	Att.389

### Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>GATESHEAD</b>	<b>3 NORTH FERRIBY UTD</b>	<b>1</b>
Phillips 9, Dudgeon 41, Harwood 58.	Bradshaw 69.	Att.227
<b>GUISELEY</b>	<b>1 PRESCOT CABLES</b>	<b>1</b>
Hanson 68.	Moore 74pen.	Att.258
<b>KENDAL TOWN</b>	<b>1 EASTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Byrne 75.	Austin 22.	Att.231
<b>LINCOLN UNITED</b>	<b>2 ASHTON UNITED</b>	<b>4</b>
Carchedi 33, Jenkins 44.	Massay 21, Fitzpatrick 41,86, McCartney 65.	Att.110
<b>MATLOCK TOWN</b>	<b>2 LEEK TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
Riley 16, Barraclough 45.	Briscoe 47pen,65.	Att.332
<b>OSSETT TOWN</b>	<b>4 WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
Fothergill 25,82, Walshaw 58,60.	Brunskill 26,75pen.	Att.124
<b>STAMFORD</b>	<b>2 MARINE</b>	<b>1</b>
Battersby 30, Marshall 64.	Parle 23.	Att.282
<b>WITTON ALBION</b>	<b>3 BUXTON</b>	<b>0</b>
Brownhill 16, Thornley 33, Lloyd 56.		Att.557
<b>WORKSOP TOWN</b>	<b>2 HEDNESFORD TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Jackson 15, White 55.		Att.337

### Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

<b>ASHTON UNITED</b>	<b>2 PRESCOT CABLES</b>	<b>2</b>
Fitzpatrick 3, McCartney 52pen.	Moore 31pen, Wade 46.	Att.154
<b>BUXTON</b>	<b>5 MATLOCK TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Ross 19, Ridley 34,41, Bradley 80,86.	Barraclough 7pen.	Att.824
<b>EASTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>1 WITTON ALBION</b>	<b>0</b>
Meikle 56.		Att.341
<b>FRICKLEY ATHLETIC</b>	<b>1 GUISELEY</b>	<b>0</b>
Walsh 79.		Att.335
<b>HEDNESFORD TOWN</b>	<b>1 MARINE</b>	<b>1</b>
Hanna 18.	Brookfield 61.	Att.406
<b>ILKESTON TOWN</b>	<b>3 WORKSOP TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
White 14, Woolley 75, Walker 90.	Sanasay 24,31, White 41.	Att.408
<b>KENDAL TOWN</b>	<b>1 FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Cole 66.	Denney 27.	Att.392
<b>LEEK TOWN</b>	<b>1 LINCOLN UNITED</b>	<b>1</b>
Tickle 28.	Carchedi 66.	Att.332
<b>NORTH FERRIBY UTD</b>	<b>2 OSSETT TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Foot 24, Larvin 37.	Meadowcroft 72.	Att.165
<b>WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>2 GATESHEAD</b>	<b>1</b>
Thompson 53, Brunskill 75.	Cave 30pen.	Att.311

*NB - See League Table page for table, leading goalscorers and late signings*

# FIRST DIVISION NORTH DIVISION – RESULTS, SCORERS.

## Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**RADCLIFFE BOROUGH** 2 **CHORLEY** 2  
Howson 57pen, Barker 82. McDonagh 7, Burke 75.  
Att.132

## Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2007

**BRADFORD PARK AVE** 2 **RADCLIFFE BORO'** 2  
Hockenhull 51, Connell 2, Forrest 90+4.  
Gaghan 90+2. Att.618

**BRIDLINGTON TOWN** 0 **BAMBER BRIDGE** 2  
Porter 78, O'Neil 90.  
Att.235

**CHORLEY** **P MOSSLEY** **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

**CLITHEROE** **P CURZON ASHTON** **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

**FC UNITED OF M/CR** **P WOODLEY SPORTS** **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

**GARFORTH TOWN** 0 **WAKEFIELD FC** 2  
Marchant 75, Ferguson 78. Att.135

**LANCASTER CITY** **P NEWCASTLE Blue Star** **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

**OSSETT ALBION** 0 **ROSSENDALE UTD** 0  
Att.132

**SKELMERSDALE UTD** 1 **HARROGATE RAILW'Y** 0  
Evans 52. Att.200

## Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**BAMBER BRIDGE** 1 **CHORLEY** 2  
Porter 82. McDonough 37, Burke 89.  
Att.366

**CURZON ASHTON** 1 **OSSETT ALBION** 4  
Norton 16pen. Kelsey 8pen,26, Morgan 35,51. Att.134

**HARROGATE RAILWAY** 2 **BRADFORD PK AVE** 2  
Smith 40, Morgan 57, Baker 72, Giles 90og. Att.244

**MOSSLEY** 0 **LANCASTER CITY** 4  
Black 18pen,37pen, Jackson 24, Foster 50.  
Att.174

**NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR** 1 **GARFORTH TOWN** 1  
Novak 50. Simpkins 40. Att.146

**RADCLIFFE BOROUGH** 1 **FC UNITED OF M/CR** 1  
Dawson 43. Bagguley 86. Att.1290

**ROSSENDALE UNITED** 2 **CLITHEROE** 0  
Eastwood 19, Stanford 86. Att.228

**WOODLEY SPORTS** 1 **SKELMERSDALE UTD** 2  
Wright 77. Leadbetter 47,61, Donnelly 72. Att. 87

## Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**CURZON ASHTON** 0 **FC UNITED OF M/CR** 2  
S.Carden 32, Nugent 64.  
Att.297

**HARROGATE RAILWAY** 1 **GARFORTH TOWN** 3  
Davidson 14pen. Simpkins 56, D.Williams 66, Renshaw 77. Att.134

**LANCASTER CITY** 3 **BAMBER BRIDGE** 0  
Heffernan 7,21, Jackson 48. Att.214

**MOSSLEY** 2 **BRIDLINGTON TOWN** 1  
Toronczak 39, Blackshaw 72. Redfearn 90. Att.161

**NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR** 0 **SKELMERSDALE UTD** 1  
Akrigg 55. Att.139

**RADCLIFFE BOROUGH** 3 **CLITHEROE** 1  
Dawson 20,46, Howson 58. Overson 90. Att.170

**ROSSENDALE UNITED** 2 **CHORLEY** 2  
Booth 88, Eastwood 89. German 62, Burke 83.  
Att.157

**WAKEFIELD FC** 2 **BRADFORD PK AVE** 3  
Marchant 45,88. Moseley 8, Daly 53, Gaghan 71. Att.141

**WOODLEY SPORTS** 0 **OSSETT ALBION** 2  
Kelsey 45,63. Att. 75

## Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

**BRADFORD PARK AVE** **P NEWCASTLE Blue Star** **P**  
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)

**BRIDLINGTON TOWN** 0 **HARROGATE R'WAY** 0  
Att.117

**CHORLEY** 1 **RADCLIFFE BORO'** 2  
Nolan 41. Smith 31, Howson 77. Att.302

**CLITHEROE** 3 **ROSSENDALE UTD** 3  
Saunders 15,25, Zarac 84. Watson 44,90, Eastwood 89.  
Att.319

**FC UTD OF M/CR** 5 **MOSSLEY** 2  
Wright 13, Patterson 56,57,90pen, Platt 86. Att.2017

**GARFORTH TOWN** **P CURZON ASHTON** **P**  
(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)

**LANCASTER CITY** 1 **WOODLEY SPORTS** 0  
Heffernan 78. Att.223

**OSSETT ALBION** 1 **WAKEFIELD FC** 0  
Hopkins 90. Att.208

**SKELMERSDALE UNITED** 4 **BAMBER BRIDGE** 0  
Donnelly 10,40, Holland 17, Leadbetter 77pen. Att.330

## LATER SIGNINGS

**BRIDLINGTON TOWN**  
Alex RHODES Pickering Town

**CHORLEY**  
Matthew ECKERSLEY Leigh RMI  
Ian TAYLOR Ex Leigh RMI

**CLITHEROE**  
Chris TURNER Accrington Stanley (Wk Exp)

**FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER**  
Bradley HOWARD Trafford  
Nicholas ROBINSON Woodley Sports  
Daniel SELF Maine Road

**RADCLIFFE BOROUGH**  
Phil PRIESTLEY FC United of Manchester

**ROSSENDALE UNITED**  
David EATOCK Chorley  
Mark ROSS Leigh RMI

**WOODLEY SPORTS**  
Michael ASTON Winsford United  
Graham KAY Middlewich Town

# FIRST DIVISION SOUTH DIVISION – RESULTS, SCORERS.

## Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

<b>BELPER TOWN</b>	<b>2 New Mills</b>	<b>1</b>
Harcourt 20, Tracey 92.	Meakin 44.	Att. 67
	(After Extra-Time)	
<b>GRESLEY ROVERS</b>	<b>1 Long Eaton United</b>	<b>0</b>
Blenkinsopp 3.		Att. 88

## Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2007

<b>BELPER TOWN</b>	<b>1 CAMELL LAIRD</b>	<b>3</b>
Hannah 51.	Hay 52, Rooney 55,64.	Att.141
<b>BRIGG TOWN</b>	<b>4 ALSAGER TOWN</b>	<b>4</b>
Day 7, Slack 46, Hope 52, Grimes 84pen.	Pitts 15, Whittaker 48,60,88.	Att.103
<b>COLWYN BAY</b>	<b>3 CARLTON TOWN</b>	<b>4</b>
Murt 8, Callaghan 40, Black 47.	M.Smith 52, Thomas 63, Bignall 82, Brady 90.	Att.312
<b>KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC</b>	<b>P GOOLE AFC</b>	<b>P</b>
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)		
<b>NANTWICH TOWN</b>	<b>1 GRANTHAM TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Blackhurst 36.		Att.407
<b>RETFORD UNITED</b>	<b>4 QUORN</b>	<b>0</b>
Harvey 15,25, Godber 39pen, Ford 72.		Att.184
<b>SHEPshed DYNAMO</b>	<b>0 SHEFFIELD FC</b>	<b>2</b>
	G.Smith 43, Townsend 90.	Att.128
<b>SPALDING UNITED</b>	<b>1 GRESLEY ROVERS</b>	<b>2</b>
Buckley 57pen.	Marshall 25, Blenkinsopp 80.	Att. 87
<b>STOCKSBRIDGE PS</b>	<b>1 WARRINGTON TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Oldham 14.		Att.157

## Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>ALSAGER TOWN</b>	<b>1 KIDSGROVE ATH</b>	<b>1</b>
Whittaker 31.	Eyre 89.	Att.259
<b>CAMELL LAIRD</b>	<b>2 COLWYN BAY</b>	<b>2</b>
Adamson 81, Hay 88pen.	Lawless 57, Black 66.	Att.124
<b>CARLTON TOWN</b>	<b>4 RETFORD UNITED</b>	<b>4</b>
Brady 19, Bignall 50,	Owens 11,31, Chambers 78, Ludlam 90.	Att.132
<b>GOOLE AFC</b>	<b>2 BRIGG TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
Longstaff 31, Jackson 78.	Grimes 50, Day 82,84.	Att.230
<b>GRANTHAM TOWN</b>	<b>1 SPALDING UNITED</b>	<b>0</b>
Norris 71.		Att.302
<b>GRESLEY ROVERS</b>	<b>2 SHEPshed DYNAMO</b>	<b>1</b>
Sleath 5, Blenkinsopp 41.	Banks 34.	Att.302
<b>QUORN</b>	<b>1 BELPER TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Darby 15.	Gummer 90.	Att.153
<b>SHEFFIELD FC</b>	<b>4 STOCKSBRIDGE PS</b>	<b>3</b>
G.Smith 3, P.Smith 21, Powell 25, Ingall 82.	Vardy 10, Riley 18,40.	Att.461
<b>WARRINGTON TOWN</b>	<b>2 NANTWICH TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
Smith 13, Daniels 75.	Suhaj 20, Dicker 80.	Att.183

## Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007

<b>ALSAGER TOWN</b>	<b>1 BELPER TOWN</b>	<b>4</b>
Whittaker 73pen.	Colliver 2, Tracey 57, Rushbury 65, Hannah 78.	Att. 80
<b>CAMELL LAIRD</b>	<b>2 NANTWICH TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Jebb 63, Rooney 74.	Kinsey 8.	Att.182
<b>CARLTON TOWN</b>	<b>1 SPALDING UNITED</b>	<b>1</b>
Piliero 65.	Stones 59.	Att. 60

## Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Cont)

<b>GOOLE AFC</b>	<b>2 STOCKSBRIDGE PS</b>	<b>2</b>
Hill 56, Jenkinson 71.	Riley 19, Oldham 82.	Att.202
<b>GRANTHAM TOWN</b>	<b>1 BRIGG TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
Wilkinson 41.	Day 24, Maxwell 60.	Att.219
<b>GRESLEY ROVERS</b>	<b>3 KIDSGROVE ATH</b>	<b>2</b>
Lambert 3, Ridgeway 8,	Lennon 53, Eyre 64pen.	Att.251
<b>QUORN</b>	<b>P SHEPshed DYNAMO</b>	<b>P</b>
	(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)	
<b>SHEFFIELD FC</b>	<b>P COLWYN BAY</b>	<b>P</b>
	(Match Postponed – Waterlogged Pitch)	
<b>WARRINGTON TOWN</b>	<b>0 RETFORD UNITED</b>	<b>0</b>
		Att.110

## Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

<b>BELPER TOWN</b>	<b>1 GOOLE AFC</b>	<b>1</b>
Hannah 51.	Buttle 75pen.	Att.178
<b>BRIGG TOWN</b>	<b>1 GRANTHAM TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Day 90.		Att.202
<b>COLWYN BAY</b>	<b>7 WARRINGTON TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Black 36, Murt 45,73,82, Wade 58, Taylor 78, Quayle 89.	Taylor 45.	Att.275
<b>KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC</b>	<b>1 CAMELL LAIRD</b>	<b>2</b>
Lennon 70.	Nezyani 60, Rooney 62.	Att.145
<b>NANTWICH TOWN</b>	<b>6 ALSAGER TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Carter 6,68, Blackhurst 13, Kinsey 48,66, Ward 75.		Att.664
<b>RETFORD UNITED</b>	<b>2 SHEFFIELD FC</b>	<b>2</b>
Godber 57, Harvey 63.	Copnell 17, Wainman 84.	Att.383
<b>SHEPshed DYNAMO</b>	<b>1 GRESLEY ROVERS</b>	<b>2</b>
Clarke 77.	Blenkinsopp 24,86.	Att.337
<b>SPALDING UNITED</b>	<b>1 CARLTON TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
Pritchard 53.	Chaplin 2, Brady 37, F.Smith 62.	Att. 92
<b>STOCKSBRIDGE PS</b>	<b>4 QUORN</b>	<b>1</b>
Telling 15, Vardy 40, Ring 60, Walker 80.	Carter 85.	Att.220

## LATER SIGNINGS

<b>CAMELL LAIRD</b>	
Sean LAKE	Radcliffe Borough
<b>WARRINGTON TOWN</b>	
Thomas SPEARRITT	Witton Albion

# LEAGUE TABLES AND LEADING GOALSCORERS

## PREMIER DIVISION

(As at Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 WITTON ALBION	24	18	4	2	54	14	58
2 FLEETWOOD TOWN	20	14	4	2	45	22	46
3 MARINE	25	13	3	9	49	34	42
4 EASTWOOD TOWN	23	11	5	7	31	25	38
5 GATESHEAD	20	11	4	5	44	26	37
6 BUXTON	20	10	4	6	27	21	34
7 GUISELEY	20	9	4	7	32	25	31
8 OSSETT TOWN	21	9	3	9	24	21	30
9 MATLOCK TOWN	21	8	5	8	29	34	29
10 STAMFORD	22	8	5	9	41	50	29
11 HEDNESFORD TOWN	22	8	4	10	37	38	28
12 PRESCOT CABLES	22	7	5	10	31	38	26
13 NTH FERRIBY UNITED	25	7	5	13	31	49	26
14 WORKSOP TOWN	21	6	7	8	31	33	25
15 WHITBY TOWN	21	7	4	10	40	46	25
16 ASHTON UNITED	23	5	10	8	35	41	25
17 ILKESTON TOWN	22	5	9	8	35	41	24
18 LEEK TOWN	21	5	7	9	31	41	22
19 KENDAL TOWN	21	5	6	10	27	37	21
20 LINCOLN UNITED	24	5	6	13	29	46	21
21 FRICKLEY ATHLETIC	22	4	6	12	20	41	18

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	Player	Club
15	4	19	Adam WARLOW	(Witton Albion)
13	8	21	Danny BRUNSKILL	(Whitby Town)
13	5	18	Peter CUMISKEY	(Marine)
13	1	14	Louis BRISCOE	(Leek Town)
12	1	13	Kevin SANASAY	(Worksop T-1 for BPA)
11	4	15	James HANSON	(Guiseley)
11	2	13	Gary BRADSHAW	(North Ferriby Utd)
11	0	11	Leon METTAM	(Stamford)
10	2	12	Ross DYER	(Hednesford Town)
9	4	13	Alex TAYLOR	(Fleetwood 2+1 for Kendal)
9	3	12	Tony BATTERSBY	(Stamford)
9	2	10	Graeme ARMSTRONG	(Gateshead)

### LATER SIGNINGS

<b>FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>	
Terence SMITH	Southport
<b>HEDNESFORD TOWN</b>	
Chris WHITE	Lincoln United
<b>LEEK TOWN</b>	
Andy BOURNE	Newcastle Town
<b>LINCOLN UNITED</b>	
Chris ADAM	Hednesford Town
James McGARRY	Ex North Ferriby Utd
<b>MATLOCK TOWN</b>	
Thomas HANNIGAN	Alfreton Town
<b>PRESCOT CABLES</b>	
Phil COONEY	Flixton (Ex Chorley)
Tommy TAYLOR	Ashton United
<b>WHITBY TOWN</b>	
Mark BELL	Gateshead

## FIRST DIVISION NORTH

(As at Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 CURZON ASHTON	21	13	5	3	43	22	44
2 BRADFORD PARK AVE	20	13	3	4	51	27	42
3 SKELMERSDALE UTD	20	12	5	3	44	24	41
4 OSSETT ALBION	24	12	5	7	46	39	41
5 FC UTD OF M/CR	21	12	2	7	46	26	38
6 BAMBER BRIDGE	19	11	2	6	31	21	35
7 GARFORTH TOWN	24	10	5	9	36	32	35
8 NEWCASTLE BLUE ST	21	8	7	6	36	25	31
9 LANCASTER CITY	21	9	4	8	33	33	31
10 MOSSLEY	23	9	3	11	38	50	30
11 WAKEFIELD FC	20	7	4	9	26	24	25
12 ROSSENDALE UTD	23	6	7	10	32	46	25
13 HARROGATE RAILWAY	19	5	6	8	18	24	21
14 CLITHEROE	18	5	4	9	29	35	19
15 WOODLEY SPORTS	23	4	7	12	20	41	19
16 CHORLEY	21	3	9	9	29	42	18
17 BRIDLINGTON TOWN	22	4	5	13	18	50	17
18 RADCLIFFE BOROUGH	20	2	7	11	20	35	13

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	Player	Club
19	3	22	Rory PATTERSON	(FC Utd of M/cr)
17	7	24	Michael NORTON	(Curzon Ashton)
14	9	23	Tony EVANS	(Skelmersdale United)
12	2	14	Mike MOSELEY	(Bradford Park Avenue)
12	2	14	Lee NOVAK	(Newcastle Blue Star)
11	9	20	Ryan SALMON	(Bamber Bridge)

## FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

(As at Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 RETFORD UNITED	22	16	3	3	55	20	51
2 CAMMELL LAIRD	23	15	3	5	47	26	48
3 GRESLEY ROVERS	24	14	1	9	37	37	43
4 NANTWICH TOWN	22	13	2	7	48	20	41
5 GOOLE AFC	23	11	6	6	42	29	39
6 GRANTHAM TOWN	24	12	3	9	39	34	39
7 SHEFFIELD FC	17	11	3	3	31	19	36
8 BELPER TOWN	22	10	6	6	43	32	36
9 STOCKSBRIDGE PS	21	9	5	7	35	34	32
10 CARLTON TOWN	24	8	7	9	52	52	31
11 COLWYN BAY	18	8	4	6	46	28	28
12 QUORN	22	8	3	11	32	39	27
13 ALSAGER TOWN	23	7	6	10	32	41	27
14 WARRINGTON TOWN	22	6	5	11	21	50	23
15 KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	22	4	4	14	28	46	16
16 BRIGG TOWN	23	4	4	15	29	54	16
17 SHEPSHED DYNAMO	21	3	5	13	18	39	14
18 SPALDING UNITED	23	1	6	16	23	58	9

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	Player	Club
19	6	25	Neil HARVEY	(Retford United)
17	2	19	Alex HAY	(Cammell Laird)
14	6	20	David BLENKINSOPP	(Gresley Rovers)
14	4	18	Ross HANNAH	(Belper Town)
12	5	17	Neil BLACK	(Colwyn Bay)
12	4	16	Ashley CARTER	(Nantwich Town)
12	4	16	Dave WHITTAKER	(Alsager Town)
12	3	15	Daryl THOMAS	(Carlton Town)
11	3	14	Sam WILKINSON	(Grantham Town)
11	1	12	Anthony MURT	(Colwyn Bay)

## FIXTURES AND SIGNINGS

### Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **PREMIER DIVISION**

Buxton v Lincoln United  
 Matlock Town v Kendal Town  
 Stamford v Ossett Town

#### **FIRST DIVISION NORTH**

Bridlington Town v Clitheroe  
 Garforth Town v Woodley Sports  
 Lancaster City v Chorley  
 Mossley v Bamber Bridge  
 Radcliffe Borough v Harrogate Railway Athletic  
 Rossendale United v Newcastle Blue Star

#### **FIRST DIVISION SOUTH**

Carlton Town v Kidsgrove Athletic  
 Grantham Town v Alsager Town  
 Gresley Rovers v Quorn  
 Retford United v Warrington Town  
 Shepshed Dynamo v Spalding United

#### **UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – 4<sup>th</sup> Round**

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

#### **UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round**

Brigg Town v Bradford Park Avenue  
 Goole AFC v Stocksbridge PS  
 Nantwich Town v Cammell Laird  
 Ossett Albion v Colwyn Bay  
 Wakefield v Belper Town

### Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **MANCHESTER PREMIER CUP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

Chadderton v ASHTON UNITED

### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round**

Retford United v Sheffield FC  
 Skelmersdale United v Radcliffe Borough

#### **LANCASHIRE FA "COOPERATIVE" TROPHY – 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd**

Southport v ROSSENDALE UNITED

#### **LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

WARRINGTON TOWN v PRESCOT CABLES

### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round**

Retford United v Sheffield FC  
 Skelmersdale United v Radcliffe Borough

#### **LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

WARRINGTON TOWN v PRESCOT CABLES

### Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **MANCHESTER PREMIER CUP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

FC UTD of MANCHESTER v Flixton

### Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **PREMIER DIVISION**

Buxton v Ossett Town  
 Fleetwood Town v North Ferriby United  
 Gateshead v Stamford  
 Hednesford Town v Guiseley  
 Leek Town v Kendal Town  
 Marine v Eastwood Town  
 Prescott Cables v Frickley Athletic

#### **PREMIER DIVISION [CONT]**

Whitby Town v Ashton United  
 Witton Albion v Ilkeston Town  
 Worksop Town v Matlock Town

#### **FIRST DIVISION NORTH**

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

#### **FIRST DIVISION SOUTH**

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

#### **SIGNINGS**

#### **ASHTON UNITED**

Dean CANNING Leek Town  
 Haydn EAMES Ex Radcliffe Borough

#### **EASTWOOD TOWN**

Robert AUSTIN Notts County (Loan)  
 Michael VICKERS Ossett Town

#### **GUISELEY**

Damian DUNNE Ossett Town

#### **HEDNESFORD TOWN**

Ben BROWN Lincoln United

#### **ILKESTON TOWN**

Nathan JAMES Harrogate Town (Loan)  
 James LINDLEY Alfreton Town

#### **LINCOLN UNITED**

Liam RICHARDSON Maltby Main  
 James THOMPSON Maltby Main  
 Adam TYLER Hallam

#### **MARINE**

Andrew RALPH Metro FC (New Zealand)

#### **MATLOCK TOWN**

Nathan BENDER Stocksbridge PS  
 Jamie DONNELLY-JACKSON Chesterfield (Loan Ext'd)

#### **WHITBY TOWN**

Liam CONNELL Durham City  
 Daniel NEWBY Seaham Red Star

#### **GRANTHAM TOWN**

Terry FLEMING Moor Green  
 Dominic REVELL Spalding United

#### **HARROGATE RAILWAY ATHLETIC**

Jacob GILES Bradford Park Avenue

#### **LANCASTER CITY**

Mark JACKSON Kendal Town

#### **NEWCASTLE BLUE STAR**

Scott BELL Blyth Spartans  
 Dean NICHOLSON Workington

#### **QUORN**

Liam HEARN Chasetown

#### **RADCLIFFE BOROUGH**

Neil CHAPPLE Ashton United  
 Mark JONES Bradford Park Ave (Loan)

#### **SHEFFIELD FC**

Tom BELLINGHAM Gainsborough Trinity

#### **SHEPshed DYNAMO**

Daniel FLETCHER Eastwood Town  
 Sam SAUNDERS Gedling Town  
 Timothy WILKES Gedling Town

#### **NB–More signings on Results and League Table Pages**