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**WEEK ENDING 23rd Feb 2008**

### **REVIEW OF THE WEEK**

Having lost their 100% home record last week Premier Division leaders WITTON ALBION resumed normal service with a 3-0 success over WHITBY TOWN for whom it was a fourth defeat on the bounce and they dropped in to the relegation spots as a result. In the big game of the day second place FLEETWOOD TOWN lost at third place GATESHEAD whilst BUXTON cemented their fourth spot with their sixth win in seven games when beating ILKESTON TOWN who are now just one point away from the relegation zone. The last play off place is still held by MARINE despite a home defeat by GUISELEY who are now just two points adrift of the Mariners with three games in hand. Sandwiched between the two are EASTWOOD TOWN who made the last four of the League Challenge Cup in midweek only to lose on Saturday at MATLOCK TOWN for whom it was a first win in six. At the bottom there were significant away wins for FRICKLEY ATHLETIC and KENDAL TOWN at LEEK TOWN and NORTH FERRIBY UNITED respectively whilst PRSECOT CABLES enjoyed a first win in eleven at the expense of STAMFORD. Elsewhere HEDNESFORD TOWN beat WORKSOP TOWN whilst two teams looking over their shoulders at the drop zone, ASHTON UNITED and OSSETT TOWN finished with a stalemate.

After two away defeats it was a good week for First Division North leaders SKELMERSDALE UNITED who maintained their unbeaten home record with a win over bottom club RADCLIFFE BOROUGH in midweek and then doubled up with an easy success over next to bottom BRIDLINGTON TOWN. The big game in this Division was the visit of FC UNITED of MANCHESTER to BAMBER BRIDGE but it ended goalless enabling both CURZON ASHTON and BRADFORD PARK AVENUE to make up ground with home wins although Avenue had been held to a draw in midweek by CLITHEROE. At the bottom CHORLEY continued their fine run under new manager Tony Hesketh and RADCLIFFE BOROUGH finally produced their cup form in to league action to hit LANCASTER CITY for five and close the gap on Bridlington. First Division South leaders RETFORD UNITED were held at SHEFFIELD who have now won only one of their last seven games and CAMMELL LAIRDS win against SHEPSHED DYNAMO enabled them to close the gap at the top to five points with a game in hand. Third place GRANTHAM TOWN hit four at COLWYN BAY to put some distance between themselves and GOOLE who lost at CARLTON TOWN. A home win for BELPER TOWN put the "Nailers" within a point of the play-offs but NANTWICH TOWN lost ground when they were held at next to bottom KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC.

### **OSSETT TAKE BILLY ON LOAN**

Ossett Town have signed 35 year old Chris Billy on loan from Farsley Celtic. The midfielder has more than 500 appearances in the full time game under his belt having started his career with home town club Huddersfield Town for whom he went on to play around a century of games. He clocked up another century for Plymouth Argyle before returning north to become a regular with Bury where he doubled his tally of games with his previous two clubs before finishing off with almost another century at Carlisle United. Ossett have also landed Danny Davidson the two goal hero of Harrogate Railway Athletic's live televised FA Cup tie against Mansfield Town.

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## **PHILLIPS BECOMES NUMBER TWENTY**

Bradford Park Avenue made the shock announcement this week that they had parted company with manager Benny Phillips who had taken over during the last close season. Phillips' backroom team of Lee Coathup and Wayne Porter have also left leaving goalkeeping coach Karl Leneghan in charge of team affairs until next week when an appointment is expected to be made. Phillips becomes the twentieth managerial change of the UniBond season and the fifth since the turn of the year. The parting of the ways came after three games against Newcastle Blue Star, Bamber Bridge and Clitheroe had seen Avenue drop seven points.

Chairman Bob Blackburn said "We need to win the title and avoid the lottery of the play-offs but recent performances have suggested we will struggle to win it. This has been the hardest departure for me to announce in my working life but the decision has been made and we have to move on. With fresh impetus there is still time to win the title".

## **COLWYN BAY TO HOST ENGLAND GAMES**

Colwyn Bay were delighted this week to be informed that their ground at Llanellian Road has been chosen by the FA of Wales to host two games in this season's semi-professional Home Nation's Tournament with both games featuring England. The first match will take place on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May with Gibraltar, who are featuring in the competition for the first time, providing the opposition to England who then face Scotland in their second fixture on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May with both games kicking off at 7.00pm.

The matches further cement the vastly improved relations that Colwyn Bay now enjoy with the FA of Wales which, of course, hit an all time low in the mid-nineties when the FA of Wales were forming the League of Wales causing a long legal stand off between the two parties. The full fixture list is as follows –

Tues, 20<sup>th</sup> May – Wales v Scotland at Rhyl and England v Gibraltar at Colwyn Bay

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Wales v Gibraltar at Rhyl and Scotland v England at Colwyn Bay

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May Wales v England at Rhyl and Scotland v Gibraltar at Oswestry (TNS)

Colwyn Bay are hoping their close proximity to the North West will encourage followers of the semi-professional game from that area to make the relative easy journey to Llanellian Road to see the England side in action.

## **STOKE GIVE LEEK A HELPING HAND**

Leek Town have boosted their squad with the acquisition of three Stoke City trainees on Work Experience. Stoke Director of Football John Rudge had recommended the three youngsters although only two of them can appear on any one team sheet due to FA rules governing work experience. Defenders Jack Watson and Kenny Keys along with striker Dean McCormick all have Reserve team experience with Stoke and are expected to be joined shortly by a fourth "Potters" trainee in central defender Andrew Owens who also has played Reserve team football. However, as well as turning to youth Leek are tempering it with a bit of experience having also signed this week defender Gary Scott from Altrincham. The 29 year old began his career with Tranmere Rovers but made his Football League debut for Rotherham United in 1997/98 and made around twenty appearances in the full time game.

### **PRESTIGE FRIENDLY FOR GARFORTH**

Sheffield FC have led the way this season with prestige friendly games against some of Europe's biggest names to celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but now another Yorkshire club, Garforth Town, have joined in with a friendly against one of America's top sides Columbus Crew on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The Crew, who play in the Major Soccer League in which David Beckham plays, are coming to England to train and contacted Garforth for a friendly with the UniBond League newcomers only to happy oblige as they had no game that midweek.

### **BLOOR RETAINS ENGLAND SPOT**

North Ferriby United teenager Matty Bloor has retained his place in the England Schools Under 18 squad to take on Northern Ireland at Glenavon, Belfast on 10<sup>th</sup> March. Seventeen year old Bloor, who has been a regular in the UniBond Premier Division this season and captained England in their recent 2-0 victory over Australia at Shrewsbury said "All the hard work I have done with Ferriby and in the England set-up has paid off for me so far but just because I captained the side against Australia and have been included in the squad for the Northern Ireland game doesn't mean I will take anything for granted. I shall be giving 110% to try to make sure I get in the squad for the remaining three games".

### **AVENUE ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR NEW STADIUM**

In the same week as they parted company with their manager Bradford Park Avenue announced plans for a new purpose built stadium which they hope to have up and running within two years. The Club Chairman Bob Blackburn has bought a 36 acre site which is currently a golf course and leisure complex and has been on the market for £1m through his company Kelvic Holdings which will also fund the development although he is hoping grants will also be available.

The plans include outdoor and indoor training facilities via 3G pitches and will also boast cricket facilities, five a side pitches and tennis with other facets being a Conference centre and the ability to stage concerts and such like events. Mr Blackburn said "In addition to providing a home for Bradford Park Avenue I want to put something back in to the community".

### **FARQUHARSON HAT-TRICK IMPRESSES**

Nantwich Town's nineteen year old on loan striker Nick Farquharson so impressed the Nantwich management team with his hat-trick that sank Sheffield FC on Wednesday evening in what was only his second game for the club that they immediately contacted his parent club Crewe Alexandra to extend his loan spell, which wasn't due to finish until next week, to the end of March.

### **LANCASTER LAND NOWLAND**

Lancaster City this week landed the signature of Adam Nowland who has made over one hundred and fifty appearances in the full time game having started his career with Blackpool for whom he made his debut in 1997/98. The midfielder, now aged 26 played around seventy games for the "Seagulls" before moving to Wimbledon for whom he featured more than fifty times. He also had spells with West Ham United, Gillingham on loan, Nottingham Forest and Preston North End prior to signing for Lancaster.

# PREMIER DIVISION – RESULTS, SCORERS, AND LEAGUE TABLE

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

<b>WORKSOP TOWN</b>	<b>P OSSETT TOWN</b>	<b>P</b>
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)		
<b>DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – Semi Final</b>		
<b>BUXTON</b>	<b>P Alfreton Town</b>	<b>P</b>
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)		
<b>NORTH RIDING SENIOR CUP – Semi Final</b>		
<b>WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>P Middlesbrough</b>	<b>P</b>
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)		

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

<b>PRESCOT CABLES</b>	<b>P GATESHEAD</b>	<b>P</b>
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)		
<b>UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – Quarter Final</b>		
<b>ILKESTON TOWN</b>	<b>1 EASTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Muller 20.	Rhead 21.	Att.265
(AET – Eastwood won 4-3 on pens)		

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008**

<b>ASHTON UNITED</b>	<b>1 OSSETT TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Smith 73.	Furnival 37.	Att.130
<b>BUXTON</b>	<b>3 ILKESTON TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
Walker 7, Ross 19, Towey 89.	Gardner 34.	Att.465
<b>GATESHEAD</b>	<b>2 FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Bowey 7, Cave 32pen.		Att.365
<b>HEDNESFORD TOWN</b>	<b>3 WORKSOP TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
R.Dyer 2,42, W.Dyer 70pen.	Davies 79.	Att.402
<b>LEEK TOWN</b>	<b>0 FRICKLEY ATHLETIC</b>	<b>1</b>
	Turner 67.	Att.309
<b>MARINE</b>	<b>0 GUISELEY</b>	<b>2</b>
	Bett 64, Tuck 89.	Att.352
<b>MATLOCK TOWN</b>	<b>1 EASTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Kistell 83.		Att.445
<b>NORTH FERRIBY UTD</b>	<b>1 KENDAL TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
Cooke 15.	Hallam 37, Ashcroft 38, Osman 84.	Att.178
<b>STAMFORD</b>	<b>0 PRESCOT CABLES</b>	<b>2</b>
	Price 46,84.	Att.248
<b>WITTON ALBION</b>	<b>3 WHITBY TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
Brodie 41, Peers 47, Evans 78.		Att.442

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	
20	4	24	Adam WARLOW (Witton Albion)
15	8	23	Danny BRUNSKILL (Whitby Town)
15	5	20	James HANSON (Guiseley)
15	3	18	Tony EVANS (Witton A-14+3 for Skem)
15	2	17	Graeme ARMSTRONG (Gateshead)
14	6	20	Peter CUMISKEY (Marine)
14	2	16	Louis BRISCOE (Leek Town)
14	2	16	Ross DYER (Hednesford Town)
14	2	16	Kevin SANASAY (Worksop T – 1 for BPA)
14	0	14	Leon METTAM (Stamford)
12	4	16	Gary BRADSHAW (North Ferriby Utd)
12	3	15	Tony BATTERSBY (Stamford)
12	3	15	Neil ROSS (Buxton-7+3 for Ilkeston)
12	3	15	Neil TOWLER(Frickley-7+3 for Bridlington)
10	4	14	Mark PEERS (Witton Albion)
10	4	14	David SOUTHERN (Gateshead)
10	3	13	Simon BARRACLOUGH (Matlock Town)

### LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 WITTON ALBION	29	21	6	2	65	19	69
2 FLEETWOOD TOWN	25	17	4	4	52	29	55
3 GATESHEAD	26	16	5	5	59	34	53
4 BUXTON	26	15	5	6	43	26	50
5 MARINE	29	15	3	11	5	40	48
6 EASTWOOD TOWN	29	14	6	9	39	31	48
7 GUISELEY	26	14	4	8	43	28	46
8 HEDNESFORD TOWN	29	11	6	12	49	50	39
9 MATLOCK TOWN	29	10	7	12	38	46	37
10 STAMFORD	29	10	6	13	48	62	36
11 OSSETT TOWN	28	9	6	13	30	33	33
12 WORKSOP TOWN	27	8	8	11	42	45	32
13 PRESCOT CABLES	29	8	8	13	38	47	32
14 NTH FERRIBY UTD	30	9	5	16	39	60	32
15 FRICKLEY ATHLETIC	28	8	7	13	36	50	31
16 ASHTON UNITED	28	6	12	10	43	52	30
17 ILKESTON TOWN	29	6	11	12	43	53	29
18 KENDAL TOWN	27	7	8	12	35	45	29
19 WHITBY TOWN	27	8	4	15	46	59	28
20 LEEK TOWN	26	6	9	11	34	46	27
21 LINCOLN UNITED	28	6	6	16	33	55	24

### CURRENT FORM SEQUENCES

(League Games Only)

#### CONSECUTIVE WINS

4 – Frickley Athletic

#### GAMES WITHOUT DEFEAT

7 – Buxton

6 – Gateshead

5 – Witton Albion

4 – Frickley Athletic

#### CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS

4 – Whitby Town

2 – Worksop Town

#### GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

8 – Ossett Town

4 – Ashton United, Whitby Town

### SIGNINGS

#### ASHTON UNITED

Matthew FLYNN

Macclesfield Town (Loan)

#### GUISELEY

Lee TUCK

Farsley Celtic (Loan)

#### HEDNESFORD TOWN

Sam HALL

Burton Albion (Loan Extended)

#### LEEK TOWN

Kenny KEYS

Stoke City (Work Experience)

Dean McCORMACK

Stoke City (Work Experience)

Pat McFADDEN

Radcliffe Borough

Jack WATSON

Stoke City (Work Experience)

#### OSSETT TOWN

Chris BILLY

Farsley Celtic (Loan)

Daniel DAVIDSON

Harrogate Railway Athletic

Ben WALKER

Stocksbridge PS

#### PRESCOT CABLES

Shaun GRAY

Fleetwood Town (Loan Ext'd)

#### STAMFORD

Ryan COLLIS

Kettering Town (Loan)

Dominic HALLOWS

Corby Town

#### WORKSOP TOWN

Ryan LUDLAM

Stocksbridge PS

# FIRST DIVISION NORTH – RESULTS, SCORERS, LEAGUE TABLE ETC

## Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**BRADFORD PARK AVE**      **1 CLITHEROE**      **1**  
Moseley 21.                      Redhead 70.                      Att.288

## Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**SKELMERSDALE UTD**      **3 RADCLIFFE BORO'**      **1**  
Dawson 26og, White 53,                      Howson 65.                      Att.193  
Leadbetter 77.

## Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**FC UNITED of M/CR**      **P CHORLEY**      **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

## Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008

**BAMBER BRIDGE**      **0 FC UNITED of M/CR**      **0**  
Att.1236

**BRADFORD PARK AVE**      **3 MOSSLEY**      **0**  
Adams 24, Wharton 45,                      Att.464  
Clegg 72.

**BRIDLINGTON TOWN**      **0 SKELMERSDALE UTD**      **4**  
Donnelly 44, Hardwick 45,                      Att.146  
Birchall 70, Murt 79.

**CURZON ASHTON**      **2 GARFORTH TOWN**      **1**  
Norton 37, Diaz 42.                      Liburd 56.                      Att.186

**HARROGATE RAILWAY**      **0 CHORLEY**      **3**  
Eckersley 34, Drew 66,86.                      Att.175

**LANCASTER CITY**      **1 RADCLIFFE BORO'**      **5**  
Jackson 40.                      Sampson 10,                      Att.212  
Howson 13,42,88,  
Chappell 43.

**NEWCASTLE Blue Star**      **2 OSSETT ALBION**      **2**  
Novak 8, Gordon 78.                      Kelsey 30, Thornton 72.                      Att.63

**ROSSENDALE UNITED**      **2 CLITHEROE**      **2**  
Eastwood 2, Daniel 53.                      Redhead 24, Fisher 81.                      Att.170

**WOODLEY SPORTS**      **1 WAKEFIELD FC**      **2**  
Walker 86.                      Howarth 8,41.                      Att. 75

## LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 SKELMERSDALE UTD	29	17	6	6	66	32	57
2 CURZON ASHTON	27	16	6	5	55	28	54
3 BAMBER BRIDGE	27	16	5	6	44	28	53
4 BRADFORD PARK AVE	26	15	5	6	61	33	50
5 LANCASTER CITY	30	14	5	11	43	47	47
6 OSSETT ALBION	29	13	7	9	55	46	46
7 FC UTD OF M/CR	24	14	3	7	51	27	45
8 GARFORTH TOWN	31	12	6	13	45	45	42
9 WAKEFIELD FC	28	12	5	11	38	32	41
10 NEWCASTLE BL STAR	28	10	10	8	45	35	40
11 ROSSENDALE UNITED	29	10	8	11	41	50	38
12 MOSSLEY	30	9	5	16	44	68	32
13 HARROGATE RAILWAY	26	7	9	10	26	36	30
14 CHORLEY	30	6	11	13	39	57	29
15 CLITHEROE	29	7	7	15	41	58	28
16 WOODLEY SPORTS	31	6	10	15	31	51	28
17 BRIDLINGTON TOWN	28	6	5	17	28	65	23
18 RADCLIFFE BOROUGH	26	3	9	14	30	45	18

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	Player
24	7	31	Michael NORTON (Curzon Ashton)
22	5	27	Rory PATTERSON (FC Utd of M/cr)
16	9	25	Ryan SALMON (Bamber Bridge)
15	2	17	Lee NOVAK (Newcastle Blue Star)
14	6	20	George DONNELLY (Skelmersdale Utd)
14	3	17	Mike MOSELEY (Bradford Park Avenue)
13	13	26	Steve HOWSON (Radcliffe Borough)
13	5	18	Shane KELSEY (Ossett Albion)
13	2	15	Phil EASTWOOD (Rossendale United)
13	1	14	Anthony MURT (Skel'dale-11+1for C.Bay)
11	0	11	Dave FOSTER (Lancaster City)
11	0	11	Gareth HAMLET (Mossley)
10	4	14	Danny TORONCZAK (Clitheroe-9+4 for Belper and Mossley)
10	0	10	Greg KELLY (Garforth Town)

## CURRENT FORM SEQUENCES

(League Games Only)

### CONSECUTIVE WINS

2 – Harrogate Railway, Skelmersdale Utd

### GAMES WITHOUT DEFEAT

8 – Bamber Bridge

7 – FC Utd of M/cr

4 – Chorley

### CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS

2 – Bridlington Town

### GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

8 – Mossley

6 – Woodley Sports

5 – Clitheroe

4 – Newcastle Blue Star, Ossett Albion

## SIGNINGS

### BRADFORD PARK AVENUE

Nathan WHARTON                      Hyde United

### CLITHEROE

David HANKIN                      Squires Gate

### LANCASTER CITY

Adam NOWLAND                      Preston North End

# FIRST DIVISION SOUTH – RESULTS, SCORERS, LEAGUE TABLE ETC

## Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – Quarter Final

**NANTWICH TOWN**                      **P FC UNITED of M/CR**                      **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

## Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**STOCKSBRIDGE PS**                      **P CARLTON TOWN**                      **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

**DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – Semi Final**  
**Glapwell**                      **P BELPER TOWN**                      **P**  
(Match Postponed – Frozen Pitch)

## Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**NANTWICH TOWN**                      **3 SHEFFIELD FC**                      **2**  
Farquharson 23,72,87.                      Copnell 41, Ingall 61.  
Att.328

## Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008

**ALSAGER TOWN**                      **2 STOCKSBRIDGE PS**                      **1**  
Miller 17, Budrys 35.                      Fothergill 44.                      Att.120

**BELPER TOWN**                      **2 WARRINGTON TOWN**                      **1**  
Everett 81og, Hannah 90.                      Towey 52.                      Att.197

**CAMMELL LAIRD**                      **3 SHEPshed DYNAMO**                      **1**  
Hay 36, Collins 72,                      Millns 10.                      Att.133  
Rooney 82.

**CARLTON TOWN**                      **2 GOOLE AFC**                      **1**  
F.Smith 69, Chaplin 81.                      McDaId 65.                      Att.103

**COLWYN BAY**                      **1 GRANTHAM TOWN**                      **4**  
Black 43.                      Mullarkey 23pen,                      Norris 60,67, Turner 63.  
Att.281

**KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC**                      **2 NANTWICH TOWN**                      **2**  
Lennon 55, Eyre 59pen.                      Farqurson 20, Carter 70.  
Att.306

**SHEFFIELD FC**                      **1 RETFORD UNITED**                      **1**  
J.Smith 75.                      White 13.                      Att.580

**SPALDING UNITED**                      **0 BRIGG TOWN**                      **2**  
Maxwell 12, Oswin 74.  
Att.110

## LEAGUE TABLE

(As at Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 RETFORD UNITED	29	20	5	4	67	26	65
2 CAMMELL LAIRD	28	19	3	6	59	33	60
3 GRANTHAM TOWN	32	17	3	12	58	48	54
4 GOOLE AFC	28	14	7	7	49	34	49
5 GRESLEY ROVERS	29	15	3	11	44	46	48
6 BELPER TOWN	29	13	8	8	52	42	47
7 NANTWICH TOWN	26	14	3	9	53	26	45
8 CARLTON TOWN	30	12	8	10	64	61	44
9 SHEFFIELD FC	23	12	6	5	40	28	42
10 QUORN	30	11	6	13	44	51	39
11 COLWYN BAY	25	11	4	10	59	43	37
12 STOCKSBRIDGE PS	24	10	6	8	39	38	36
13 ALSAGER TOWN	30	10	6	14	43	57	36
14 BRIGG TOWN	30	7	6	17	44	65	27
15 WARRINGTON TOWN	30	7	6	17	33	65	27
16 SHEPshed DYNAMO	28	6	5	17	28	50	23
17 KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	29	4	8	17	35	60	20
18 SPALDING UNITED	30	2	9	19	31	69	15

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

(In order of League Goals)

Lge	Cup	Tot	Player
23	6	29	Neil HARVEY (Retford United)
19	2	21	Alex HAY (Cammell Laird)
16	6	22	David BLENKINSOPP (Gresley Rovers)
16	6	22	Ross HANNAH (Belper Town)
16	5	21	Neil BLACK (Colwyn Bay)
14	5	19	Daryl THOMAS (Carlton Town)
14	4	18	Sam MULLARKEY (Grantham Town)
13	6	19	Ashley CARTER (Nantwich Town)
13	4	17	Phil BIGNALL (Colwyn Town)
13	4	17	Dave WHITTAKER (Alsager Town)
13	3	16	Sam WILKINSON (Grantham Town)
10	5	15	John LAWLESS (Colwyn Bay)
10	3	13	Duncan BRAY (Goole AFC)
10	2	12	Brendan McDAID (Grantham Town)
10	0	10	Chris BUDRYS (Alsager Town)
10	0	10	Brad HILL (Goole)

## CURRENT FORM SEQUENCES

(League Games Only)

### CONSECUTIVE WINS

4 – Grantham Town

3 – Cammell Laird

### GAMES WITHOUT DEFEAT

4 – Belper T'n, Carlton T'n, Grantham T'n, Retford Utd

### CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS

5 – Warrington Town

3 – Shepshed Dynamo

### GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

11 – Kidsgrove Athletic

6 – Spalding United, Warrington Town

4 – Gresley Rovers, Sheffield FC

## SIGNINGS

### SHEFFIELD FC

Matthew LOWTON                      Sheffield Utd (Wk Experience)

### SPALDING UNITED

Paul MUZSNYA                      I                      Corby Town

### WARRINGTON TOWN

Douglas PITTS                      Alsager Town

Nick PRESCOTT                      Leek Town

## **CURZON ASHTON TO STAGE EURO 2008 ACTION**

This summer between 20 July - 2 August, The FA are hosting the 2008 European Learning Disability Championship in the North West of England, with UniBond League club Curzon Ashton playing host to seven fixtures, including a Semi-Final.

England, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Portugal, Hungary and Poland will be drawn into two groups of four, with England's first group game to be played at Curzon's Sport City Stadium on Sunday 20 July. Oldham Athletic, Hyde United, Springhill (Rochdale) and Stalybridge Celtic will also host fixtures during the tournament, with Curzon Ashton set to host England's second group game on Wednesday 23 July, and a semi final on Wednesday 30 July. The final will be played at Boundary Park on Saturday 2 August.

The captain of the England team is 26 year old Ronnie Watson. A painter and decorator, he was a trainee at Spurs for six years, playing alongside Ledley King, Peter Crouch and Jonny Jackson (Colchester United). After he was released at 16, he played for a number of Non League teams in the South East, and in 2002, he was part of the England team which won the Learning Disability World Cup in Yokohama in front of over 25,000 spectators, where only three months before, a Ronaldo-inspired Brazil had beaten Germany in the mainstream World Cup.

Ronnie recently moved to Cheshire and, to help him get fit and ready for the tournament, he will train with Oldham Athletic's first team on Thursday 28 February. John Sheridan and Lee Duxbury will then assess Ronnie's fitness and ability with a view to helping him obtain a short-term contract to the end of the season.

The FA, Manchester FA, Cheshire FA and the five participating clubs will be working to provide local youngsters and volunteers across the North West with the chance to get involved in a variety of capacities during the tournament. Organisations such as The Regard Partnership, Mencap, Tameside MBC, Link4Life, Salford Community Leisure & Manchester City Council are also going to be heavily involved.

Curzon Ashton secretary Graham Shuttleworth said "It's a great honour for the club to be offered the opportunity to host so many of the group games, of which England is one, as well as the second Semi Final. This is a tremendous opportunity for people in Tameside in particular and the North West in general to watch an international tournament and I hope they take the opportunity."

## **UNIBOND LEAGUE TELEVISION**

### **Forthcoming Games**

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Bamber Bridge v FC United of Mcr	Match of the Week
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Stocksbridge PS v Cammell Laird	Match of the Week
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Leek T v Whitby T	Live Game
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>UniBond League Challenge Cup Semi Finals</i>	
	Eastwood T v Frickley Ath	Match of the Week
	Skelmersdale Utd v Gateshead	Match of the Week

***All games can be accessed through the banner link on [www.unibondleague.com](http://www.unibondleague.com) and are subject to change.***

# FIXTURES

## Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – Quarter Final

Nantwich Town v FC United of Manchester

## Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### PREMIER DIVISION

Eastwood Town v North Ferriby United  
Kendal Town v Prescott Cables  
Ossett Town v Guiseley  
Worksop Town v Fleetwood Town

### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Garforth Town v Radcliffe Borough  
Wakefield FC v Curzon Ashton

### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Gresley Rovers v Sheffield FC  
Quorn v Shepshed Dynamo

### DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP – Semi Final

BUXTON v Alfreton Town  
Glapwell v BELPER TOWN

### LIVERPOOL SENIOR CUP – Semi Final

SKELMERSDALE UNITED v MARINE

### NORTH RIDING SENIOR CUP – Semi Final

WHITBY TOWN v Middlesbrough

## Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

FC United of Manchester v Clitheroe

### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Colwyn Bay v Nantwich Town  
Stocksbridge PS v Carlton Town

## Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008

### PREMIER DIVISION

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

### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

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

### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

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

## Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008

### WEST RIDING COUNTY CUP – Semi Final

BRADFORD PARK AVE v OSSETT ALBION

## Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### PREMIER DIVISION

Guiseley v Frickley Athletic  
Leek Town v Whitby Town  
Marine v Fleetwood Town

### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Clitheroe v Skelmersdale United  
Mossley v Bridlington Town  
Rossendale United v Lancaster City

### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Alsager Town v Colwyn Bay  
Gresley Rovers v Goole AFC  
Nantwich Town v Carlton Town  
Stocksbridge FC v Belper Town

### LANCS FA “COOPERATIVE” TROPHY – Semi Final

CHORLEY v Burscough

### LEICESTERSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP – Semi Final

SHEPshed DYNAMO v Friar Lane & Epworth  
(At Leicestershire FA County Ground)

### NOTTS SENIOR CUP – Quarter Final

Hucknall Town v EASTWOOD TOWN

### SHEFF & HALLAM FA SENIOR CUP – Quarter Finals

SHEFFIELD FC v Brodsworth MW  
WORKSOP TOWN v Maltby Main

### WEST RIDING COUNTY CUP – Semi Final

Harrogate Town v HARROGATE RAILWAY

## Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### PREMIER DIVISION

Gateshead v Lincoln United

### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

FC United of Manchester v Curzon Ashton

### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Cammell Laird v Warrington Town

## Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### PREMIER DIVISION

Ashton United v North Ferriby United  
Guiseley v Buxton  
Kendal Town v Ilkeston Town  
Marine v Lincoln United  
Ossett Town v Matlock Town  
Whitby Town v Fleetwood Town  
Witton Albion v Leek Town

### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Bamber Bridge v Wakefield  
Bradford Park Avenue v FC United of M/cr (PROV)  
OR Lancaster City  
Bridlington Town v Woodley Sports  
Clitheroe v Curzon Ashton  
Garforth Town v Rossendale United  
Mossley v Chorley  
Newcastle Blue Star v Harrogate Railway Athletic

### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Alsager Town v Grantham Town  
Belper Town v Shepshed Dynamo  
Carlton Town v Stocksbridge PS  
Colwyn Bay v Quorn  
Gresley Rovers v Nantwich Town (PROV)  
Kidsgrove Athletic v Retford United  
Sheffield FC v Brigg Town  
Spalding United v Warrington Town

### UNIBOND LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP – Semi Finals

Eastwood Town v Frickley Athletic  
Skelmersdale United v Gateshead

### UNIBOND LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S CUP – Semi Finals

Goole AFC v Nantwich T/FC Utd of M/cr  
Ossett Albion v Radcliffe Borough