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FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE

JOHN ROONEY LOOKS AHEAD TO THIS EVENING'S GAME AGAINST MORECAMBE.

Good evening, everyone, and welcome back to the Leasing.com Stadium for tonight's Enterprise National League North fixture against Morecambe.

I would also like to welcome Adam Lakeland and everyone associated with Morecambe Football Club and I wish them a safe journey home after the game.

After five away games on the bounce, it is great to return to our ground for tonight's game under the lights. Four of our next six games are at home, so we have to start as we mean to go on and make our home record count, and your support will be important from the terraces.

Our results at home have been positive, winning five, drawing one and losing one from the opening seven matches at the Leasing.com Stadium, and with Morecambe next up tonight, we know the challenge that awaits us. After coming down last season, they will want to be in the mix to return to the National League as quickly as possible.

In the last week, the players have produced two contrasting performances against Oxford City and Chester.

I was pleased with Tuesday's win away at Oxford and I thought the lads were outstanding.

However, Saturday's performance away at Chester fell way below the standards we expect from ourselves from start to finish in what was a derby fixture, and I apologise to the supporters. We were second best to everything across the pitch, and it was really disappointing to see how we performed in such a big local game against a young Chester team who we could not deal with on the day.

Having named the same team that did so well to win at Oxford, the difference in performance was very frustrating.

We want to see the lads win their battles and aerial duels. In 13 or 14 of the first 15 games, we have shown that we are hard to beat. We've had good shape about us. We were nowhere near the standards that we have set this season, and that was the most disappointing aspect of the result and performance.

It was a bad day at the office. We conceded poor goals, but we must move on and quickly put the disappointment behind us. That means preparing correctly and putting in the hours to be the best version of ourselves we can possibly be by taking it one game at a time.

Whatever challenges come our way throughout the rest of the season, we still have to do the basics and show the commitment which should come with wearing a Macclesfield shirt.

We know tonight will be another tough game as Morecambe beat King's Lynn Town at the weekend to move into the play-off places. They are in good form having won four of their last six games in the league.

Adam has built a good squad at Morecambe, and we know that we must take the game to them and use our home support as an advantage.

We need to roll our sleeves up and be at our best by showing greater passion and fight. The best way to respond to Saturday's setback is to go and deliver a performance to give ourselves the best chance of taking three points tonight.



Games come thick and fast as we head towards another busy month of the season and a packed December. We need to recover, and we need to be ready to go again as there is no other option for us after the weekend.

Above all, you have followed us up and down the country in league and cup. It is a long season, and as a Football Club, we need to stick together. You spend your hard-earned money to come and watch us every week. We are going to need your support once again tonight as we face another challenge.

Make as much noise as possible and get behind the lads as you always do.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

KEITH CURLE PROVIDES AN UPDATE.



Good evening, everyone, and welcome back to the Leasing.com Stadium for tonight's National League North fixture against Morecambe.

Firstly, I want to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, directors and supporters of Morecambe who have made the journey to be with us this evening.

It feels like a while since we've been back on home soil, with a busy run of away fixtures across different competitions. One thing that has remained consistent throughout is the incredible backing we continue to receive from our supporters.

I know just how much time, effort and hard-earned money goes into following your football club, particularly with the amount of travelling we've had recently. Whether it's the cost of tickets, fuel, transport or simply giving up your valuable time, that commitment never goes unnoticed. On behalf of everyone at Macclesfield FC, thank you. Your support genuinely means a great deal to us all.

Looking back over recent weeks, we've certainly experienced a mixture of emotions, but that's football, and it's how we respond to those moments that matters most.

Our FA Cup fixture against Mansfield was a fantastic occasion for the football club. Naturally, the result wasn't what we wanted, but I thought the players gave a spirited account of themselves against strong opposition. There were plenty of positives to take from the performance, and occasions like that remind us how far we've come, while also showing us the standards we must continue striving towards.

It was also fantastic to see some of our young talent given the opportunity to represent the club in our cup fixture against Stalybridge. Unfortunately, we didn't get the result we were hoping for, but developing young players and creating genuine pathways into senior football remains an important part of our vision.

These experiences are invaluable for their development, and it's encouraging to see the talent coming through the club.

Last Tuesday's 3-1 victory against Oxford was another real positive. It was an excellent performance from the team, showing the quality, togetherness and determination we know this group possesses. Results like that don't happen by accident. They come through hard work, preparation and everyone pulling in the same direction.

Saturday's trip to Chester was a tough afternoon, and there are certainly lessons for us to take from it. We have to be honest in our assessments, recognise where improvements are needed and make sure we respond in the right way.

That's why tonight presents another important opportunity. Football moves quickly, and the focus now has to be on producing a positive response in front of our own supporters.

Away from the pitch, we continue to work hard behind the scenes to strengthen the football club and improve the experience for everyone connected with Macclesfield FC.

I'm delighted to welcome Dean Holmes as our new General Manager in Bar Twenty Seven. Dean joins us as we continue to develop our hospitality offering and ensure that supporters and visitors receive the best possible experience. Please join me in welcoming him to the club and wish him every success in his new role.

As I've said before, our ambition is about much more than simply what happens during ninety minutes on a football pitch. It's about creating a football club that our supporters, local businesses and wider community can be genuinely proud of.

We know there will be challenges along the way, but we're committed to continuing that journey, making improvements and building something special together.

Tonight, we have another chance to show what Macclesfield FC is all about. Let's get right behind the players, create a fantastic atmosphere and hopefully enjoy another memorable evening under the lights.

Thank you, as always, for your incredible support. It never goes unnoticed, and together we will keep moving this football club forward.

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FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

JOSH KAY PROVIDES AN UPDATE.



Good evening, everyone, and welcome back to the Leasing.com Stadium for tonight's Enterprise National League North fixture against Morecambe.

I'd like to start this column by thanking everyone for their brilliant support during our recent away games. As players, we really appreciated the backing. It will be good to play in front of our own supporters for the first time since the Hereford game a month ago.

We want to deliver the performance you deserve after Saturday's disappointing defeat at Chester. We were not good enough on the day in what was a big derby game for the Club and we are determined to bounce back tonight.

We are expecting another tough test against a team who have had some good results in the league and FA Trophy. We are going up against a team who were in the league above us last season, and they will want to get back up to the National League at the first attempt.

They have experienced players and they moved into the play-off positions after winning at the weekend, so we have to be at our best to disrupt their current good run.

On a personal note, I was proud to captain this special Club against Bridlington Town in the FA Trophy despite the result not going our way on the day.

I was also pleased to get on the scoresheet in Tuesday night's 3–1 win at Oxford City. It is just a shame that we could not build on that result against Chester.

Tonight brings a different challenge against Morecambe. We will be switched on from the first whistle, work hard for each other, and take our chances when they come. We have to set the tempo and play on the front foot from the off.

Three points will stand us in good stead ahead of a busy December, and we are determined to get back to winning ways.

Our home form gives us something positive to build on. Five wins from our first seven games here is a good foundation, but we want to keep that record going and make the Leasing.com Stadium a tough place for teams to get a result.

There is something special about playing at this ground under the lights, and your support really makes a difference for us as players on the pitch when we need a lift.

We have seen that this season already, particularly in our victory against South Shields from two goals down and also coming back to draw against Scarborough in the FA Cup.

As a group of players, we are really looking forward to the game. It's a chance for us to quickly respond to the disappointment of the weekend.

We are fully aware of the challenge awaiting us, and we believe that we can get three points tonight.

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JOSH

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COMMERCIAL SCENE

BOB TRAFFORD PROVIDES AN UPDATE.

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Good evening everyone and a warm welcome back to the Leasing.com Stadium, as we prepare to face Morecambe in our next Enterprise National League North fixture.

It seems like an eternity since we were last here, so it is great to see us back under the lights tonight.

Despite our uncharacteristic defeat against Chester last Saturday, there can be no doubt that our start to the season has been an encouraging one.

When you consider our league position, we clearly have the players to win this league and one result doesn't change that.

What we now have to do is to use the hurt from the Chester game to our advantage.

The good thing about football is that you generally don't have to wait too long for a chance to put things right.

We have that opportunity tonight, and I am confident that we will do just that.

Morecambe will pose a significant threat of course, but just like we saw against Oxford City and South Shields, we have enough in our ranks to counteract that.

It goes without saying that I implore you all to give your lads all the vocal encouragement that you can this evening, as it really does make a difference.

Moving on, and I am delighted to be able to introduce you to this evening's Match, Man of the Match and Match Ball Sponsors.

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Managing Director Mike Langford stated –

"Everyone at Neos is delighted to be this evening's Match Sponsor.

"When the fixtures first came out, we were determined to secure the Morecambe game and we cannot wait for the action to start.

"This evening will see two great sides lock horns together and we will be keeping our fingers crossed for another home win!"

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Marketing Lead Alec Ogden stated –

"We are delighted to be back here at the Leasing.com Stadium for the visit of Morecambe.

"We continue to enjoy a really vibrant commercial relationship with Macclesfield FC and are excited by what we are seeing both on and off the pitch.

"Hopefully the lads will claim another three points today, as we set our sights on another promotion push."



Last, but by no means least is tonight's Match Ball Sponsor, Dean and Bethan Holmes.

This package was agreed before Dean made the move to join us in Bar Twenty Seven, but we are delighted that Bethan will get a decent night out whilst Dean works!

Both Dean and Bethan have been Macc fans for many years, and as such, are very well known amongst the Silkmen faithful.

Speaking ahead of the game, Bethan stated -

"After years of carrying him, I am really looking forward to seeing Dean at work whilst I look after a few bottles of wine.

"The Atelier Executive Lounge really is a stunning facility, and I can't wait to enjoy the evening in there.

"Hopefully we will round the day off with a win, as that would make for a very happy Holmes household!

ENJOY THE GAME.

BOB

MORECAMBE



Tonight's opponents at the Leasing.com Stadium are Morecambe, who are currently seventh in the Enterprise National League North.

Morecambe Football Club were founded on 7th May 1920 following a meeting at the West View Hotel, joining the Lancashire Combination for the 1920/21 season.

After their first season, Morecambe moved to Roseberry Park, which was later renamed Christie Park in honour of President J.B. Christie, who purchased the ground. Their first league title arrived in 1924-25, followed by Lancashire Junior Cup success against Chorley after two replays.

Christie helped establish Morecambe as a limited company with £1,000 share capital. Despite his financial support, poor results and limited revenue made the remainder of the 1920s and the 1930s a struggle for survival.

Fortunes improved after the Second World War following Ken Horton's appointment as player-manager in 1956. The formation of an Auxiliary Supporters Club helped fund ground improvements, strengthening the foundations for a successful period on and off the pitch.

Morecambe reached the FA Cup third-round in 1961/62, losing 1-0 to Weymouth, and won the Lancashire Senior Cup in 1968 by beating Burnley 2-1. Their greatest achievement of the period came at Wembley in 1974, when a 2-1 victory over Dartford secured the FA Trophy.

Improvements to the team, ground and club structure eventually brought promotion to the Conference in 1995, after champions Marine failed to meet ground requirements.

Morecambe would then establish themselves among the Conference's stronger sides, finishing runners-up once and narrowly missing the play-offs twice. They also reached the FA Cup third-round in 2000/01 and 2002/03, losing to Ipswich Town on both occasions after victories over Football League opposition.

In May 2006, Sammy McIlroy was appointed as permanent manager having served as a caretaker since November 2005 following Jim Harvey's health issues.

He would secure a historic milestone for the club as they reached the Football League for the first-time, overcoming Exeter City 2-1 in May 2007 in front of 40,000 supporters under the arch of the new Wembley Stadium.

Their first two seasons in League Two ended in 11th place finishes. League Cup victories over higher opposition followed against Preston North End and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Morecambe's final season at Christie Park in 2009/10 saw the club defeated in the Play-Off semi-final over two legs to Dagenham and Redbridge, however they did win the final game to be played there through David Artell's stoppage-time header, beating the Daggers 2-1 in the second-leg.

The summer of 2010 began a new chapter for the club as they moved into their new ground. McIlroy left the club at the end of the campaign in May 2011.

Club legend Jim Bentley succeeded McIlroy as player-manager, keeping them in the fourth-tier during eight years in charge on the Lancashire coast as he became the longest-serving manager in English football. Derek Adams would replace Bentley as manager in November 2019, which changed the fortunes of the club.

Adams' Shrimps were promoted to Sky Bet League One in 2020/21 after Carlos Mendes Gomes' extra-time penalty secured a 1-0 Wembley victory over Newport County and a first promotion to the third-tier.

Adams left for Bradford City shortly afterwards, as Stephen Robinson was appointed for Morecambe's first-ever third-tier campaign.

The Scot would later return to the club in February 2022 to keep them up. Morecambe were relegated the following campaign at the end of 2022/23.

Morecambe's first season back in the fourth-tier would see Adams depart the club in November 2023, as Ged Brannan led them to a 15th place finish in the division.

In June 2024, Adams would go back to the club for a third time ahead of the 2024/25 campaign, however he was unable to steer Morecambe away from relegation and their 18-year stay as a Football League club ended when they dropped down to the National League in April 2025.

That season, they reached the Emirates FA Cup third-round in January 2025 and were drawn away at Premier League giants Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

In August 2025, Panjab Warriors purchased the club, however the Shrimps suffered a back-to-back relegation under the returning Bentley, who was appointed in place of Ashvir Singh Johal in February 2026.

Former FC Halifax Town manager Adam Lakeland replaced Bentley in the dugout ahead of the 2026-27 campaign.

Sixteen players were signed for the new season, with a new-look Shrimps outfit aiming to bounce back at the first attempt.

Morecambe arrive at the Leasing.com Stadium in good form having won four of their last six games to move into the play-off places following Saturday's 1-0 victory at home against King's Lynn Town.

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MORECAMBE

WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHO THE SILKMEN WILL BE FACING THIS EVENING.

1. Joe Young
Young joined Morecambe ahead of the 2026/27 season following an impressive spell with Buxton. A former Wolves academy goalkeeper and England youth international, he has also represented Brackley Town and AFC Telford United.

2. Cameron Coxe
Coxe signed for Morecambe from Boreham Wood ahead of the 2026/27 season. A product of Cardiff City's academy and former Wales Under-21 international, the energetic right-back has also represented Colchester United. Coxe offers pace, experience and an attacking threat from the right-hand side.

3. Ben Williams
Williams returned to Morecambe in 2025, having previously spent time with the Club academy on loan during his development. The left-back came through Blackburn Rovers' academy and has represented Barnsley, Cheltenham Town and Carlisle United.

4. Liam Hogan
Experienced centre-back Liam Hogan joined Morecambe from Rochdale in February 2026. His career has included spells with Fleetwood Town, Tranmere Rovers, Salford City, Stockport County and Oldham Athletic.

5. Will Smith
Smith became a Morecambe player ahead of the 2026/27 campaign when he signed from FC Halifax Town. The commanding centre-back has previously represented Darlington, Harrogate Town, Scunthorpe United and York City. A promotion and FA Trophy winner with Harrogate, Smith brings physicality, leadership and extensive non-league experience.

6. Lewis Baines
Left-footed centre-back Lewis Baines arrived from Altrincham after establishing himself at National League level. His career has also included spells with Fleetwood Town, Chorley and Stockport County. Strong defensively and comfortable in possession, Baines has also demonstrated leadership qualities throughout his senior career.

7. Teddy Collis
Collis was signed by Morecambe from Billericay Town following two impressive seasons in non-league football. Previously with Brightlingsea Regent, the forward established himself as both a goalscorer and creator.

8. Lewis Leigh
Preston-born midfielder Lewis Leigh developed through Liverpool and Preston North End's academies before making his senior breakthrough with North End. He has since represented Bromley, Crewe Alexandra, FC Halifax Town and Chester.

9. Joe Garner
Joe Garner joined Morecambe with more than 600 senior appearances and over 180 career goals behind him. The experienced striker has represented clubs including Nottingham Forest, Preston North End, Rangers, Ipswich Town and Wigan Athletic. Garner brings goalscoring pedigree, physicality and significant EFL experience.

10. Matty Daly
Matty joined Morecambe following a spell with Hartlepool United. Developed at Everton and Huddersfield Town, he became Huddersfield's youngest Premier League player when making his debut aged 18.

11. Elliot Newby
Barrow-born Elliot Newby arrived at Morecambe with significant EFL and National League experience. His former clubs include Bolton Wanderers, Barrow, Chorley, Stockport County and FC Halifax Town.

13. Myles Boney
Blackpool-born goalkeeper Myles Boney joined Morecambe in December 2025. After beginning his career with Blackpool, he gained experience with Nantwich Town, Solihull Moors and South Shields, where he made more than 150 appearances.

14. Isaac Buckley-Ricketts
Isaac joined Morecambe following a successful spell with the Silkmen. A former Manchester City Academy player and England youth international, he has also represented FC Twente, Oxford United and Peterborough United.

17. Paul Lewis
Paul Lewis is an experienced midfielder whose career includes spells with Macclesfield Town, Cambridge United, Tranmere Rovers and Northampton Town. He joined Morecambe in 2024 and provides the Shrimps with athleticism, physical presence and considerable senior experience in the centre of midfield.

18. Taelor O'Kane
Taelor joined Morecambe from AFC Fylde after also gaining senior experience with Chester and Chorley. An energetic and powerful midfielder, he can carry possession forward and influencing play at both ends of the pitch, while continuing to develop within the Shrimps' first-team environment.

19. Ronnie Blois
Ronnie joined Morecambe after progressing through Norwich City Community Sports Foundation's development programme. The young forward impressed during the Shrimps' pre-season schedule before making the step into senior football.

20. Jake Cain
Jake returned to Morecambe in August 2026 following his first season with the Club. A graduate of Liverpool's academy, where he made his senior debut, Cain later joined Swindon Town.

21. Alex Cherera
Alex Cherera is a new recruit at Morecambe after signing for the club on a two-year deal in September.

The 21-year-old forward linked up with the Shrimps for an undisclosed fee from Lower Breck, scoring 16 goals in the Northern Premier League Division One West during the 2025/26 campaign.

22. Ruben Curley
Ruben joined Morecambe on loan from Stoke City during the 2026/27 campaign. The midfielder developed through Stoke's academy and previously gained senior experience with Curzon Ashton.

23. Stephen Walker
A recent signing, forward Stephen Walker joined Morecambe for a significant undisclosed fee from Yeovil Town last week.

Walker, who started his career at hometown club Middlesbrough, spent time on loan at MK Dons, Crewe Alexandra and Tranmere Rovers.

After leaving Middlesbrough in 2023, Walker signed for West Auckland Town before returning to North Yorkshire with Whitby Town and later Scarborough Athletic. He scored 18 league goals for the Seadogs last season.

The 26-year-old, capped by England at U17, U18 and U19 level, moved to Yeovil in June before his Shrimps switch.

24. Luca Davis
Defender Luca Davis is on loan at Morecambe from Premier League club Everton until January 2027.

The 20-year-old, who can play at centre-back or right-back, signed his first professional deal with the Toffees in the summer of 2025, and having become a regular in the U21s side, he penned a short-term switch to the Lancashire coast in October.

26. Lennon Dobson
Dobson progressed through Morecambe's academy before earning a professional contract with the Club. The midfielder has continued his development within the first-team environment and remains another example of the pathway available for young players progressing from the Academy into senior football at Morecambe.

27. Adam Fairclough
A product of the Morecambe academy, Adam Fairclough progressed into the first-team set-up after impressing at youth level. He scored on his first senior start for the Club and has also gained experience on loan with Lancaster City.

28. Elijah Vilchez
Elijah has featured around the senior squad since signing professional terms. The young midfielder was involved during the Club's 2026 pre-season programme and continues to gain valuable experience as he makes the transition from academy football into the senior game.

29. Oscar Wright
Oscar came through the Shrimps' academy before earning his first professional contract with the Club. An attack-minded young player, he impressed during his scholarship and has subsequently stepped into the senior team.

30. Corey Goodyear
Goodyear is another academy graduate. The young midfielder also spent time within Stockport County's Under-21 set-up before returning to the Shrimps, where he continues to develop within the first-team environment.

31. Alfie Scales
A graduate of the Morecambe academy set-up, the goalkeeper has continued his development through regular first-team training and loan experience, providing further competition and depth within the Shrimps' goalkeeping department.

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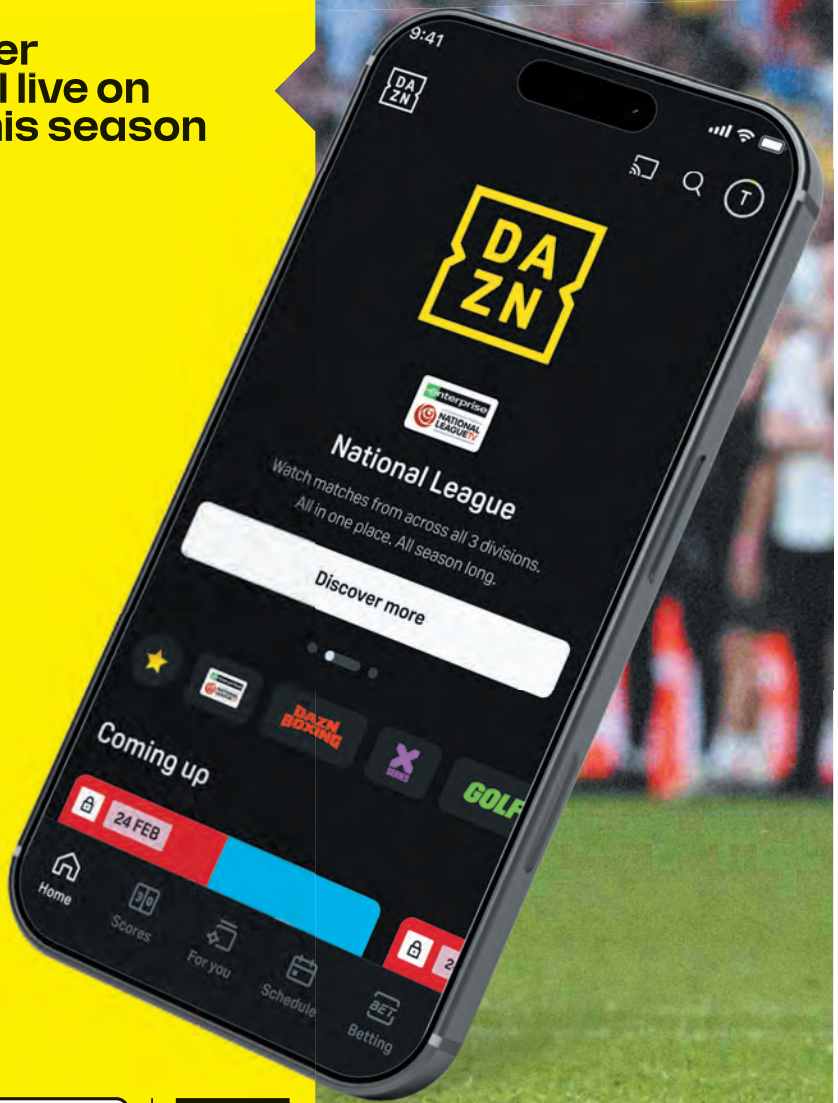
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Sammy McIlroy led Macclesfield Town and Morecambe to history-making successes during his time at both clubs.

Northern Irishman McIlroy is held in high esteem by supporters of the Silkmen and the Shrimps for what he achieved in East Cheshire and on the Lancashire coast.

Born in Belfast in August 1954, McIlroy's playing career saw him come through Manchester United's youth system. Across 11-years at Old Trafford as a professional between 1971 and 1982, Sammy would make 419 appearances for the club, scoring 71 goals from midfield.

McIlroy starred in United's Second Division title-winning team of 1974/75 under the management of Tommy Docherty, becoming an ever-present in the team and playing in all 51 league and cup fixtures as they gained an immediate return to the First Division.

Further success followed in United colours for McIlroy. Having finished as runners-up to Southampton the year before, they triumphed at Wembley by beating Liverpool 2-1 to lift the 1976/77 FA Cup.

After over a decade at United, McIlroy became Stoke City's record signing in a £350,000 deal in February 1982. He would spend three years in the red and white stripes of the Potters, making 144 appearances. A successful stay at the Victoria Ground saw him named as the club's Player of the Year for 1984/85.

McIlroy spent his later career representing Manchester City, Swedish side Örgryte, Bury, Austrian outfit, VfB Mödling, Preston North End and Northwich Victoria, where he would become player-manager in 1992.

An esteemed international, McIlroy made 88 appearances for Northern Ireland from 1972 to 1987, playing for his country and the 1982 and 1986 FIFA World Cups.

Ahead of the 1993/94 season, McIlroy arrived at the Moss Rose following his appointment as manager, beginning a successful and memorable six-and-a-half-year journey for the Silkmen.

Following a credible seventh place finish in his first campaign and silverware in the form of the Bob Lord Trophy, the 1994/95 season would see the Silkmen surpass all expectations to win the Football Conference only to be denied promotion and entry to the Football League due to ground regulations.



Sammy had a memorable six-and-a-half-year stay at the Moss Rose, leading the Silkmen to two promotions.

The Silkmen were Wembley winners the following season in 1995/96 as they overcame Cheshire rivals Northwich Victoria 3-1 to win the FA Trophy. His fourth season as manager in 1996/97 would see the Silkmen promoted to the Football League for the first time in the club's history.



Sammy also enjoyed success as Morecambe manager over a five-year spell, winning promotion to the Football League.

A final day 4-1 victory away at Kettering Town secured the Football Conference title, with the Silkmen collecting 90 points from their 42 games to reach the Third Division in a fairytale campaign.

Macclesfield's first foray into the Football League in 1997/98 continued the club's rapid rise as McIlroy guided his side to a stunning back-to-back promotion up to the Second Division.

The Silkmen finished the season as runners-up to Sam Allardyce's Notts County and went the entire season unbeaten at the Moss Rose, with Macc attaining 82 points on their way to another historic promotion. Steve Wood, who finished top scorer in the Conference-winning year, would also play a key role in McIlroy's side as they secured a second successive promotion.

Macc were relegated the following campaign, and McIlroy left his position at the Moss Rose in January 2000 to take up the managerial position with Northern Ireland.

McIlroy returned to club football as Stockport County manager in October 2003. He oversaw the Hatters until November 2004 after just over a year at Edgeley Park.

In November 2005, McIlroy took caretaker charge of Morecambe due to Jim Harvey's ill health and would be appointed permanently at Christie Park in May 2006.

McIlroy would add another promotion in May 2007 when he led Morecambe to the Football League in his first full term in Lancashire, as the Shrimps defeated Exeter City 2-1 under the arch of the new Wembley Stadium.

In the following seasons, McIlroy's leadership saw Morecambe successfully navigate their first two campaigns in League Two with 11th placed finishes alongside League Cup upsets by beating Preston North End and Wolverhampton Wanderers away from home.

McIlroy's third season, which was also Morecambe's final year at Christie Park, ended in a fourth-place finish and play-off defeat over two-legs to Dagenham and Redbridge. Despite a heavy aggregate defeat, the Shrimps won their final match at their ground of 89-years with a 2-1 victory against the Daggers in May 2010.

After one campaign as Morecambe manager in the club's new stadium, he left the club in May 2011 having guided them to survival.

In October 2022, McIlroy's connection to the Silkmen continued as he supported Danny Whitaker in an advisory role at Macclesfield Football Club.

As the Silkmen face Morecambe tonight, both sets of supporters can reflect on Sammy's contribution and success in the dugout.



Sammy represented Northern Ireland at two FIFA World Cups.

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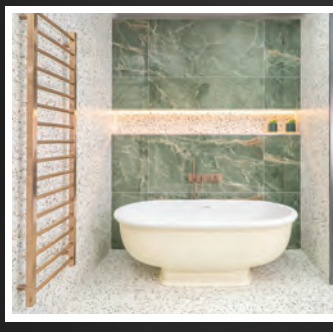
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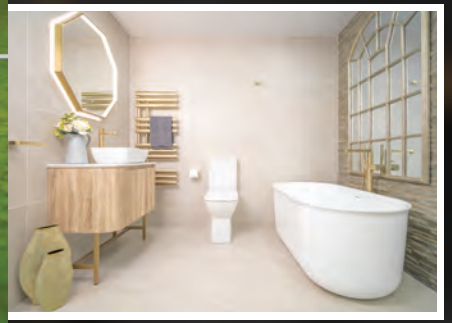
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THE SILKMEN SECURED AN IMPORTANT 3-1 WIN ON THE ROAD AT OXFORD CITY ON TUESDAY NIGHT, WITH DANNY ELLIOTT, JOSH KAY AND JON USTABASI ON TARGET FOR JOHN ROONEY'S SIDE.

ELLIOTT'S 20TH MINUTE OPENER SAW THE SILKMEN LEAD WHEN HE REACTED FIRST AFTER JOHNNY MAXTED SPILLED AMMAR DYER'S STRIKE TO SCORE FROM CLOSE-RANGE.

MACC ADDED A FURTHER TWO GOALS IN THE SECOND-HALF THROUGH JOSH KAY'S STRIKE AND JON USTABASI'S HEADER AT THE BACK POST FROM LUKE DUFFY'S CORNER. DEJAN TETEK'S CONSOLATION IN ADDED-TIME PULLED ONE BACK FOR ROSS JENKINS' HOOPS.

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A AWAY DAY
Favourite ground you've played at?

MKM Stadium - Hull City

B BIRTHDAY
When is your birthday?

31st March 2005

C CUISINE
What is your go-to cuisine?

Nando's

D DESSERT
What is your favourite dessert?

Crepe with Nutella, Strawberries and Ice Cream

E EAGER
Who is the first to arrive for training and matchday?

Mr Paul Dawson

F FILM
What is your favourite film?

Karate Kid with Jaden Smith

G GAMING
What was your favourite video game growing up?

Wii Sports

H HIDDEN TALENT
What is one talent that nobody knows you're good at?

Gymnastics

I INSPIRATION
Who was your biggest inspiration growing up?

My Sister

J JET-SETTING
What is one place you would love to visit?

Okinawa, Japan

K KNOWLEDGE
Who is the smartest in the squad?

Ozzy

L LIKE FOR LIKE
Which footballer would you liken yourself to?

Morgan Gibbs-White

M MUSIC
Who is your favourite artist?

Drizzy



N NICKNAME
Have you got any nicknames?

Chaps, Chappy, Chappers, The Chapdog

O OLYMPICS
What sport would you love to do at the Olympics?

Diving.

P PRESENT
What is the best gift you have ever recieved?

Japan trip.

Q QUIZ
What would be your specialist subject on Mastermind?

TV and Films.

R RELAX
What do you like to do to relax away from football?

Play Padel or go to the Cinema

S STORY
What's one story you always tell people?

That I'm the only one in the Club on Netflix..

T THIS OR THAT
What came first the chicken or the egg?

The Egg

U UNIFORM
What would you do if you weren't a footballer?

A Barber.

V VIRAL
What is one moment you wished you were there for?

Messi winning the World Cup

W WAGON
What is your favourite car?

Lamborghini Urus.

X X-FACTOR
What would be your karaoke song of choice?

Never Too Much - Luther Vandross

Y YEARS
When did you make your footballing debut?

At 17 in the FA Cup Second Round.

Z ZOO
What is your favourite zoo animal?

Josh Kay When he's angry

SILKMEN STATS 2026/27

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KEY: Goalscorer(s) in **Bold**[1]; Sub 1 ●; Sub 2 ●; Sub 3 ●; Sub 4 ●; Sub 5 ●; Yellow Card ■; Red Card ■; Own Goal ✱

DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	RES	ATT	POS	STARTING XI										SUBSTITUTES						
Sat 8 Aug	Marine	(A)		1-0	2145	8	Dibble	McFayden	Osborne ●	Borthwick-Jackson	G.Wilson ■	George	Duffy	Heathcote	**Shrimpton**	Ustabasi ■	Dyer	Riva	Chapman	Elliott	Lacey ●	Dos Santos	Parny	Ayub
Sat 15 Aug	**RADCLIFFE**	**(H)**		2-1	2321	3	Dibble	McFayden	Osborne ●	Borthwick-Jackson	G.Wilson	George ●	**Duffy**[2]	Heathcote	Shrimpton	Ustabasi ●	Dyer	Riva	Chapman	Elliott ●	Lacey ●	Dos Santos	Parny	Ayub ●
Tue 18 Aug	Spalding United	(A)		0-0	922	4	Dibble	McFayden	Borthwick-Jackson	G.Wilson	George ●	Duffy	Heathcote ■	Shrimpton ■	Lacey ●	Ustabasi ●	Dyer	Riva	Osborne ●	Chapman	Elliott ●	T.Wilson	Parny ●	Ayub
Sat 22 Aug	**BRACKLEY TOWN**	**(H)**		2-1	2559	4	Dibble	McFayden ●	Osborne	G.Wilson ■	George ●	**Duffy**	Heathcote	Shrimpton	T.Wilson ●	**Ustabasi**	Dyer ■	Riva	Borthwick-Jackson ●	Chapman ●	Elliott ●	Dos Santos	Parny	Ayub
Sat 29 Aug	Darlington	(A)		2-1	1524	3	Dibble	Osborne	Borthwick-Jackson ■	G.Wilson ●	George ●	Duffy	Heathcote ■	Shrimpton ■	T.Wilson	Ustabasi	Dyer	Riva	Chapman	**Elliott**[2] ●	Dos Santos	Apter ●	Parny	Ayub
Mon 31 Aug	**HEBBURN TOWN**	**(H)**		3-0	2731	3	Dibble	Osborne	Borthwick-Jackson ●	Chapman ●	G.Wilson	**George**[2] ●	Duffy ●	Heathcote ■	Shrimpton ●	T.Wilson	Dyer	Riva	Matheson	**Elliott** ■ ●	Ustabasi ●	Apter ●	Parny ●	Ayub ●
Sat 5 Sep	Merthyr Town	(A)		1-2	1589	3	Dibble	Osborne ●	Borthwick-Jackson ●	G.Wilson	**George** ●	Duffy	Heathcote	Shrimpton	T.Wilson	Ustabasi	Dyer ●	Cooper	Matheson	Chapman ●	Elliott ●	Apter ●	Parny	Ayub ●
Tue 8 Sep	**SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC**	**(H)**		0-0	2301	2	Dibble	Osborne	Dawson ●	G.Wilson	George ●	Duffy	Heathcote	Shrimpton	T.Wilson ■	Ustabasi	Dyer	Cooper	Borthwick-Jackson ●	Chapman	Elliott ●	Apter	Parny	Ayub
Sat 12 Sep	Spennymoor Town	(A)		1-1	1180	3	Dibble	Osborne	Borthwick-Jackson ■	Dawson ●	G.Wilson ■	George ●	Duffy	Heathcote ■ ●	**Shrimpton**	Ustabasi	Dyer	Cooper	Matheson ●	Chapman	Elliott ●	T.Wilson ●	Apter	Parny
Sat 19 Sep	Redcar Athletic	(A)	FA CUP	2-1	773	3	Dibble	**Osborne**	Dawson ■	Chapman ●	G.Wilson	**Elliott** ■ ●	Duffy ●	Heathcote ■	Shrimpton	Ustabasi	Dyer	Cooper	Matheson ● ●	Dos Santos ●	Apter ●	Parny	Ayub ●	Rooney ■
Sat 26 Sep	**HARBOROUGH TOWN**	**(H)**		1-0	2831	2	Dibble	Osborne	Borthwick-Jackson	Dawson ●	Chapman ●	G.Wilson	**Elliott** ●	Duffy	Heathcote	Shrimpton	Dyer	Cooper	Dos Santos	Kay ●	Ustabasi ●	Apter ●	Parny	Ikpakwu
Sat 3 Oct	**SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC**	**(H)**	FA CUP	2-2	1782	2	Dibble	Osborne ●	Borthwick-Jackson ■	**Dawson**[2] ■	G.Wilson ●	Elliott	Duffy	Heathcote	Ustabasi	Apter ■ ●	Dyer	Cooper	Chapman	Shrimpton ●	Dos Santos ●	Kay ●	Parny	Ikpakwu
Tue 6 Oct	Scarborough Athletic	(A)	FA CUP	2-1	1178	2	Dibble	Osborne ●	Borthwick-Jackson	Dawson ■	G.Wilson ■ ●	Duffy	Heathcote	Shrimpton ■ ●	Kay	Ustabas ●	Dyer ■	Cooper	Chapman ●	**Elliott**[2] ●	T.Wilson ●	Dos Santos ●	Apter ●	Parny
Sat 10 Oct	**SOUTH SHIELDS**	**(H)**		4-3	2767	1	Dibble	**Borthwick-Jackson**	**Elliott** ●	Duffy	Heathcote	Shrimpton	T. Wilson	**Kay** ■ ●	**Ustabasi** ■	Apter ■ ●	Dyer	Cooper	Osborne ●	Chapman	G. Wilson ●	George ●	Dos Santos	Ikpakwu
Sat 17 Oct	**ANSTEY NOMADS**	**(H)**	FA CUP	1-1	1758	1	Dibble	Borthwick-Jackson ●	G. Wilson	**Elliott**	Duffy	Heathcote	Shrimpton	T.Wilson ■	Kay	Ustabasi	Dyer	Cooper	Parny	Chapman	George	Dos Santos ● ●	Apter ●	Ikpakwu
Tue 20 Oct	Anstey Nomads	(A)	FA CUP	3-0	1001	1	Dibble	Dyer	Heathcote	**T. Wilson**	Borthwick-Jackson ●	Shrimpton	G. Wilson ■	Duffy ●	**Kay** ■ ●	Ustabasi ●	**Elliott** ●	Cooper	Osborne ●	Apter ●	Chapman ●	Ikpakwu ●	Dos Santos ●	Dawson
Sat 24 Oct	**HEREFORD**	**(H)**		1-2	3235	3	Dibble	Osborne ■	T Wilson	Heathcote	Dyer ■	G Wilson	Shrimpton ●	**Duffy**	Kay ■ ■	Ustabasi	Elliott ●	Cooper	George ●	Dawson ■ ●	Chapman	Dos Santos	Apter	Ikpakwu
Sat 31 Oct	Bedford Town	(A)		3-0	974	3	Dibble	T Wilson	Dawson	Dyer	Apter ●	G Wilson ■	Shrimpton	Ustabasi ●	**Duffy**	George ●	**Elliott**[2]	Cooper	Ayub ●	Chapman ●	Dos Santos	Ikpakwu ●	Parny	Yates
Sat 7 Nov	Mansfield Town	(A)	FA CUP	0-3	4436	N/A	Dibble	Borthwick-Jackson	T Wilson	Dawson ●	Dyer	G Wilson ●	Shrimpton	Kay ●	Duffy	Ustabasi	Elliott	Cooper	Chapman ●	Ayub	Ikpakwu	George ●	Heathcote ●	Osborne	Parny	Diomande
Tue 10 Nov	Stalybridge Celtic	(A)		1-3	448	N/A	Cooper	Abbott	Worsley	Anderton	Smethurst	Ramwell ●	Loureiro ●	Bull	Foote ●	**Wiggin** ●	Yates ●	Grewal ●	Hollands ●	McGowan ●	Hawtin ■ ●	Walker ●		
Sat 14 Nov	Bridlington Town	(A)	FA CUP	0-1	833	N/A	Cooper	Ikpakwu ■	McFayden ■ ●	Borthwick-Jackson ●	Diomande ●	Osborne	Parny ●	Shrimpton ■	Chapman ●	Kay	George	Duffy ●	Elliott ●	Ustabasi ●	G Wilson ■ ●	T Wilson ●		
Tue 17 Nov	Oxford City	(A)		3-1	602	3	Dibble ■	T Wilson	Ikpakwu ■	Osborne ●	Dyer	G Wilson	Shrimpton	Duffy	**Ustabasi** ● ●	**Kay** ●	**Elliott**	Cooper	Ayub	Parny	McFayden ●	Chapman	Diomande ●	George ● ●
Sat 21 Nov	Chester	(A)		1-6	3215	6	Dibble	Osborne ■ ●	T Wilson	Ikpakwu ●	Dyer	G Wilson	Shrimpton	Kay ●	**Duffy** ■	Ustabasi ●	Elliott	Cooper	Ayub ●	Chapman	George ●	Moore ●	Diomande ■ ●	Parny
Tue 24 Nov	**MORECAMBE**	**(H)**																						
Sat 28 Nov	King's Lynn Town	(A)																						
Tue 1 Dec	Southport	(A)																						
Sat 5 Dec	**CHORLEY**	**(H)**																						
Tue 8 Dec	**MARINE**	**(H)**																						
Sat 12 Dec	**WORKSOP TOWN**	**(H)**																						
Sat 19 Dec	Radcliffe	(A)																						
Sat 26 Dec	**BUXTON**	**(H)**																						
Mon 28 Dec	AFC Telford United	(A)																						
Sat 2 Jan	Hednesford Town	(A)																						
Sat 9 Jan	**OXFORD CITY**	**(H)**																						
Sat 16 Jan	**SPENNYMOOR TOWN**	**(H)**																						
Sat 23 Jan	Harborough Town	(A)																						
Tue 26 Jan	Morecambe	(A)																						
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Sat 20 Feb	Hereford	(A)																						
Tue 23 Feb	Scarborough Athletic	(A)																						
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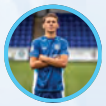
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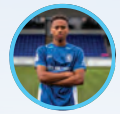
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OPPOSITION
ONE TO WATCH
ISAAC BUCKLEY-RICKETTS

As the Silkmen return to the Leasing.com Stadium tonight against Morecambe, we take a look at one of their key players, Isaac Buckley-Ricketts.

Buckley-Ricketts of course needs no introduction to Silkmen supporters after he wrote himself into Macclesfield Football Club and Emirates FA Cup history on Saturday 10th January 2026 when he scored the winning goal to knock reigning holders Crystal Palace out of the competition on a day to remember in East Cheshire.



Signing for the Silkmen in May 2025, Buckley-Ricketts would spend one season as a Macc player, but he will be forever associated with playing a key part in the historic Emirates FA Cup clash against the Eagles.

In front of a sold-out Leasing.com Stadium, Buckley-Ricketts diverted an effort from inside the box towards goal which crept past Palace goalkeeper, Walter Benítez, to spark jubilant scenes and put the Silkmen two goals up as John Rooney's men would of course go onto defeat Palace 2-1.

Born in Manchester, Buckley-Ricketts came through the youth set-up at Manchester City, progressing from the academy to turn professional.

Whilst at City, Buckley-Ricketts was loaned to Dutch team FC Twente and Oxford United. A brief spell at Peterborough United followed after leaving the Citizens before he returned to Manchester in 2019 to sign for Stretford Paddock.

Buckley-Ricketts would then represent Southport prior to joining Warrington Town permanently in the summer of 2022 following a loan stay with the Yellows.

During his two seasons at Cantilever Park, Buckley-Ricketts enjoyed a prolific spell, helping the club to promotion from the Northern Premier League play-offs in 2022/23. He would score 15 goals in the 2023/24 term, which earned him a place in the National League North Team of the Year.

In July 2024, Buckley-Ricketts linked up with Curzon Ashton. In his one campaign with the Nash, he scored seven goals in 44 appearances in the National League North for the Tameside outfit before signing for the Silkmen a year later.

Across the 2025/26 season, Buckley-Ricketts made 49 appearances in all competitions and scored eight goals in Silkmen colours.

He was part of the side who reached the Enterprise National League North play-off semi-finals, scoring in victories over Hereford and Southport in the closing months of the campaign.



Buckley-Ricketts, 28, became a Shrimps signing in June and has scored on two occasions so far against Buxton and Merthyr Town for Adam Lakeland's men.

At international level, Buckley-Ricketts has been capped by England at U18, U19 and U20 level, scoring three times, including twice in a 5-1 triumph for the Young Lions over Italy U20s.



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	1	South Shields	16	11	2	3	34	22	+12	35
	2	Hereford	17	10	3	4	30	14	+16	33
	3	Chester	17	10	2	5	29	15	+14	32
	4	Oxford City	17	9	4	4	30	16	+14	31
	5	Hednesford Town	17	9	3	5	33	23	+10	30
	6	Macclesfield	15	9	3	3	25	18	+7	30
	7	Morecambe	17	8	3	6	26	20	+6	27
	8	King's Lynn Town	17	8	3	6	27	22	+5	27
	9	Buxton	17	8	3	6	33	30	+3	27
	10	Spalding United	17	7	4	6	22	18	+4	25
	11	AFC Telford United	17	7	4	6	22	24	-2	25
	12	Worksop Town	16	7	2	7	22	22	0	23
	13	Chorley	17	7	2	8	27	28	-1	23
	14	Bedford Town	16	7	1	8	20	25	-5	22
	15	Hebburn Town	17	5	7	5	22	30	-8	22
	16	Marine	16	6	2	8	22	22	0	20
	17	Brackley Town	17	5	5	7	19	28	-9	20
	18	Merthyr Town	17	4	7	6	23	25	-2	19
	19	Harborough Town	15	4	6	5	14	18	-4	18
	20	Scarborough Athletic	17	4	4	9	23	27	-4	16
	21	Radcliffe	16	5	1	10	21	31	-10	16
	22	Darlington	17	3	3	11	20	31	-11	12
	23	Southport	16	2	5	9	16	31	-15	11
	24	Spennymoor Town	17	2	5	10	15	35	-20	11

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GUESS THE FORMER SILKMAN?

Can you guess the former Silkmen player who is blurred out in the picture below?



QUIZ TIME

How well do you know your Silkmen and Morecambe facts?

THE SILKMEN'S LAST VICTORY OVER MORECAMBE WAS IN MARCH 2011, WHO WAS SILKMEN MANAGER FOR THAT DAY?

A. BRIAN HORTON, B. PAUL INCE, C. GARY ROBINSON

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF MORECAMBE'S OLD GROUND BEFORE THEY MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME IN 2010?

WHICH FORMER SILKMEN PLAYER SCORED THE SHRIMPS FIRST GOAL IN THEIR 2-1 VICTORY OVER ALTRINCHAM LAST SEASON?

HOW MANY MILES (AS THE CROW FLIES) IS MORECAMBE'S HALO AEROSPACE STADIUM FROM MACCLESFIELD'S LEASING.COM STADIUM?

A. 64, B. 74, C. 84

MORECAMBE'S CAPTAIN WILL SMITH SIGNED FOR THE CLUB FROM WHICH CURRENT ENTERPRISE NATIONAL LEAGUE SIDE?

A. TAMWORTH, B. CARLISLE UNITED, C. FC HALIFAX TOWN

1. C (Gary Robinson), 2. Christie Park, 3. Ben Tollitt, 4. A (64 Miles), 5. C. (FC Halifax Town)

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the current National League North Clubs?

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LEE FOLKARD PROVIDES AN UPDATE.



Good evening, everyone and welcome back to the Leasing.com Stadium for tonight's Enterprise National League North game vs Morecambe.

It feels like an age since we last played here, and it's good to be back.

As always from everyone at the CST we wish John, Franny and the lads the best for the game and fingers crossed we can secure the three points to keep us in the promotion pack.

There are a lot of things happening in the background at the moment, including the team being back in schools and our normal delivery resuming after the Half Term break just before the beginning of the month.

However, we are also planning a couple of Christmas events, as I'm sure you are aware.

The Charity Ball evening is on the horizon, and we still have a few tickets remaining.

We would love to fill Bar 27 on the 19th of December - and there's no excuse to not come, as we are only at Radcliffe that afternoon so you can all get back in time for the festivities to begin.

What will the evening incorporate I hear you all ask?

Well, the previous three that we have done over the last five years has generated £15k for the Trust which has gone straight into new delivery across Macclesfield & Cheshire East.

This is generated from the evening's ticket sales and events, including raffle, fun games and auction.

It's not only about the fun parts of the evening, but also about the amazing Bar 27 food and drink on offer and some great entertainment.



So, it's time for a deal.

We are currently at 70% capacity for the evening, but we want our fans in attendance to be part of the best Christmas Party in Cheshire.

So, drop me a message on my email before the 1st December and we will offer any fan booking for the prices below and on the poster.

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It really does promise to be an amazing evening, so drop me a message ASAP to book in.

ENJOY THE GAME, EVERYONE!

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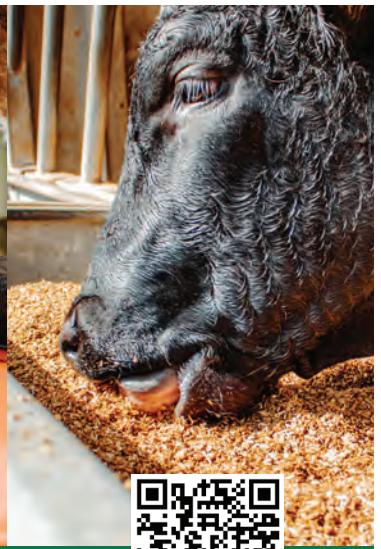
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THIS WEEK, JON SMART PICKS HIS BEST ELEVEN.

1

GOALKEEPER:
RHYS TAYLOR

In goal, I considered Alan Zelem, the keeper in the 1987 FA Cup run, but I went for Rhys Taylor, who played 127 gams for the Silkmen in two spells at the Club and commanded his area as well as anyone.

2

DEFENDER:
GEORGE PILKINGTON

Slotting in at right-back is George Pilkington. He played a key role in the 2018 promotion to the Football League and, over four years with the Club, made over 150 appearances.

3

DEFENDER:
DAVID FITZPATRICK

David Fitzpatrick, taking the left-back berth, was also part of the team in 2018. The captain of the side, Jared Hodgkiss, just missed out.

4

DEFENDER:
ELFYN EDWARDS

I had to find a place for Captain Fantastic Elfyn Edwards. Elfyn played over 300 games for the Silkmen whilst also having a very successful career as a Fireman, becoming a Station Commander. He is now retired but is seen on occasion at the Moss watching the current team.

5

DEFENDER:
KEITH LOWE

I considered Sam Heathcote and Brandon Lee, who have been at the Club for a number of years, but I plumped for three players from the National League-winning side of 2018. Keith Lowe was here for two seasons, but he was ever-present in the title-winning team.

6

MIDFIELDER:
PAUL DAWSON

It was a toss-up between John Rooney and Paul Dawson, but I plumped for Daws. He has been a good captain for us and led by example.

7

MIDFIELDER:
JOHN ASKEY

I found it really difficult to pick a midfield, but had to include John Askey for his achievements as a player and a manager.

8

MIDFIELDER:
DANNY WHITAKER

My central midfielder choice is Danny Whitaker for what he did at MTFC. He is a Club Legend.

9

FORWARD:
STEVE BURR

From the 1980s, a man who probably still believes he is the best striker around, a lovely fella, Steve Burr, who really should have been given the opportunity to manage Macc Town in 2012 after our relegation from the Football League, he'd done fantastically at Kidderminster and desperately wanted to come.

10

FORWARD:
DANNY ELLIOTT

Joining Steve Burr upfront in my side is Danny Elliott, who has returned after a serious injury. He still has the same ability of putting the ball in the back of the net. 70 goals in 96 games is some feat and he looks as sharp as ever.

11

FORWARD:
JAMES BERRY

On the left hand side we have James Berry, who has moved up the leagues after leaving us, but was fantastic for Macc in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

MANAGER
JOHN ASKEY

We've had some really good managers in the time I've followed Macc, for inspiration you couldn't beat Robbie Savage, but for Peter Wragg, mastermindof the 1987/88 FA Cup run would run him close. John Rooney ably assisted by Franny Jeffers is doing a great job at the moment, especially in view of the way he was thrown into the position. John Askey has to be the manager for season on season, building a squad to compete in the National League and culminating in the 'Against All Odds' title win and promotion back to the Football League in 2018.



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HERE IS THE ACTION IN IMAGES FROM THE DEVA COMMUNITY STADIUM.















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3. Lincoln McFAYDEN	3. Ben WILLIAMS
4. Elliot OSBORNE	4. Liam HOGAN
5. Cameron BORTHWICK-JACKSON	5. Will SMITH
6. Paul DAWSON	6. Lewis BAINES
7. Theo CHAPMAN	7. Teddy COLLIS
8. George WILSON	8. Lewis LEIGH
9. Adan GEORGE	9. Joe GARNER
10. Danny ELLIOTT	10. Matty DALY
11. Luke DUFFY	11. Elliot NEWBY
12. Sam HEATHCOTE	13. Myles BONEY
13. Paul COOPER	14. Isaac BUCKLEY-RICKETTS
14. Fin SHRIMPTON	17. Paul LEWIS
15. Luis LACEY	18. Taelor O'KANE
16. Tom WILSON	19. Ronnie BLOIS
18. Josh KAY	20. Jake CAIN
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23. Veron PARNY	23. Stephen WALKER
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25. Ammar DYER	26. Lennon DOBSON
27. Ed IKPAKWU	27. Adam FAIRCLOUGH
29. Muhamed DIOMANDE	28. Elijah VILCHEZ
30. Luca MOORE	29. Oscar WRIGHT
33. Brandon LEE	30. Corey GOODYEAR
	31. Alfie SCALES
	32. Conan NEWALL

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