

MACCLESFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
MORE TRIVIA

Tony Waiters	*Former goalkeeper at Macclesfield, Waiters managed the national Canada team in their one and only World Cup in 1986
Rickie Lambert	*After Tony Waiters, the only other player to represent England after playing for Macclesfield Town.
Charity Matches	*The Congleton Cottage Hospital Cup was contested between Macclesfield and Congleton at the end of the 1920-21 and 1921-22 seasons with attendances of 3000 at each of the matches. The proceeds were divided between the Congleton Cottage Hospital and Macclesfield infirmary. *At the end of the 1922-23 season a representative Macclesfield side played Bollington in a Charity match, the proceeds being donated to Macclesfield Infirmary.
Prior to 1890-1891 season	*All matches other than cup competitions were designated as friendly matches. The players probably did not see them in this light especially those against Leek Town which were often physical affairs.
1921	*First match day programmes printed
12 May 1922	*In the post season friendly match against Blackburn Rovers the referee replaced his whistle with a motor horn. Macclesfield won the match 2-1.
June 1922	*Formation of the Supporters' Club.
1922-1923	*Reginald Forrester scored a hat-trick in each of three consecutive matches 16 December 1922, Hyde (Home) 6-3, Cheshire Senior Cup R1 23 December 1922, Winsford United (Home) 5-0, Cheshire League 25 December 1922, Congleton Town (Home) 6-0, Cheshire League
1 October 1927	In the home match against Tranmere Rovers Reserves sheep invaded the pitch causing a brief stoppage. The sheep ambled in front of goal before being driven off the field. Tranmere won the match 5-3.
29 August 1931	*In the opening match of the 1931-32 season at Hyde United which the Silkmen won 2-1, 10 of the 11 players were making their debut for the club. Only goalkeeper Stanley Starling had been with the club for the 1930-31 season making his debut on Christmas Day 1930.
1933-1934	*Albert Valentine became the second Macclesfield player to score a hat-trick in each of three consecutive matches 21 March 1934, Stalybridge Celtic (Away), 3-3, Challenge Cup Round 2 replay 24 March 1934, Sandbach Ramblers (Away) 5-1, Cheshire League 30 March 1934, Congleton Town (Away), 5-0, Cheshire league
November 1934	*Cushions were first provided for hire for threepence (1p). *First loudspeaker system set up to provide music at half-time.
1950-1951	*Before the introduction of floodlights, there were seasons when kick-off times were varied according to the amount of daylight. Times for the 1950-51 season were as follows 15.15 August and September 15.00 October 14.30 November to 20 January 14.45 27 January to 3 February 15.00 10 February to 28 February 15.15 March, April and May *On disbanding, Goslings FC contacted several teams offering their services with Macclesfield providing the best offer. The whole team moved at the

	start of the 1950-51 season with Alan Jones, Norman Gillott, Clifford Freer, Walter Shepherd and Dave Casey all becoming regular members of the Macclesfield team.
27 January 1968	*The third round tie in the FA Cup Fulham v Macclesfield Town, was Bobby Robson's first ever management game in his role as manager of Fulham.
1997-1998	Whilst playing for Macclesfield Leroy Chambers was also a part-time model.
9 August 1997	*First Day Postal cover produced at a cost of £4 to celebrate the club's first ever Football League match (against Torquay United).
5 September 1997	*The home match against Darlington was brought forward a day (to Friday evening) as a mark of respect for Princess Diana whose funeral took place on Saturday 6 September 1997.
7 October 1997	Richard Irving earned a medal on his debut on the occasion Macclesfield won the JC Thompson Trophy for the third time.
24 January 1998	*Having been promoted to the Football League at the start of the 1997-98 season it took until the away match at Doncaster Rovers to record the first away league victory.
4 April 1998	Macclesfield Mascot, Roary the Lion, was dismissed from the pitch by the police after making an obscene gesture with his tail to the opposing Lincoln City fans. The 16-year-old inside the costume made his first and last appearance as the club mascot.
8 August 1998	*Defeat against Fulham (1-0) at the Moss Rose ended an unbeaten run of 33 home league matches which started following the defeat against Kidderminster Harriers on 10 December 1996.
10 October 1998	*For the home match against Bournemouth the cost of children's tickets were reduced to mark the Centenary of the Football League. Two children's tickets were available at the cost of a £1 each for each adult ticket purchased, with additional children's tickets costing £3.50. Junior Blues gained entrance for £1.
7 August 1999	*In the first match of the season, Rae Ingram replaced the injured Steve Hitchen but was dismissed five minutes later as the first Macclesfield player to be red-carded for using foul language to describe the referee, falling foul of a new regulation introduced at the start of the season.
27 November 1999	*Darren Tinson became the first Macclesfield Town player to reach 100 Football League appearances with Radio Station Silk FM making a presentation to him of a framed list of all 100 matches.
26 December 1999	*At Shrewsbury Town, the referee ruled that the strips of the two teams were too alike. Macclesfield did not have their 'gold' away strip with them and had to wear Shrewsbury's away strip. It was the third occasion that a visiting team had used Shrewsbury's away strip and on all three occasions the visiting team won. After Macclesfield's victory it left the Shrewsbury manager fuming wanting to burn the strip!
11 January 2000	*The 2000-01 season was Macclesfield's third season competing in the Auto-Windscreens Shield and had so far failed to score a single goal in the competition. However, in the second round at Rochdale, Simon Davies scored Macclesfield's first goal in this competition in the 10 th minute with Rochdale going on to win 3-2.
26 February 2000	*Then Norwich manager, Bruce Rioch, sent the Canaries reserve team player Darren Way, who was living in Macclesfield, to run the rule over Gregor Rioch (son of Bruce) in the home match against Lincoln City, but Way returned to Norwich with rave reports about Steve Wood. Their interest ended when they found out that Wood was 36 years of age!

22 April 2000	*In the home match against Chester, after a dull first half which was played on a soggy pitch holding water, in an attempt to liven up proceedings a Chester fan streaked onto the pitch flinging himself full length in a pool of water at the town end before being escorted off the pitch.
6 May 2000	*At Halifax Town, defender Darren Tinson scored his first goal in the Football League after 127 appearances.
22 September 2000	*The home match against Darlington saw the first ever broadcast by SKY Sports TV at the Moss Rose. Goalkeeper Tony Bullock dyed his hair yellow for the occasion!
26 September 2000	*In the Worthington Cup second round, second leg, at the Moss Rose against Middlesbrough, Hamilton Ricard scored his first hat-trick in English football for the visitors.
December 2000	*Macclesfield supporters given the opportunity to purchase a brick for £35 to be incorporated in a 'wall' in the concourse under the Moss Lane stand. The sum of £8,000 was raised.
10 April 2001	*Much to the amusement of the Macclesfield travelling fans there was an announcement during the second half of the match at Torquay that 11 cars had been parked illegally – one of them belonging to Macclesfield chairman Eddie Furlong.
2001-2002	The Reserve team were champions of the Avon Insurance League Division Two. Unfortunately, they never had the opportunity to test themselves at the higher level as the First and Second Divisions were amalgamated the following season and split into East and West Divisions.
February 2003	*The Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, which used sport as a means to tackle depression among young people, was launched at Macclesfield Town FC. Taking part in the launch were Sir Bobby Charlton, Sir Ian Botham and then Tanni Grey-Thomson.
September 2003	*German Benvenuto suites were provided for all the playing staff and officials by local retailer John Douglas to present a smart appearance when travelling. It was later reported that the players did not want to wear them!
7 February 2004	*In the home match against Cheltenham Town, when midfielder Steve Macauley was injured he was ordered to leave the pitch by the referee for treatment. During his absence Cheltenham scored twice in the space of two minutes winning the match 2-1.
25 September 2004	*At home to Darlington, Macclesfield's Michael Welch (squad number 15) had to leave the pitch under the newly introduced rule as he was bleeding with blood on his shirt. He returned to the pitch wearing Jassim Fayadh's shirt, squad number 25.
29 August 2005	*Macclesfield became the first Coca-Cola League Two side to wear Sockatyes (tie-ups) emblazoned with the club logo, their name and squad number, in the home league match against Bury.
18 October 2005	*In the LDV Vans Trophy competition, the home match against Chesterfield was the third consecutive season that Macclesfield and Chesterfield had met in the first round – 14 October 2003 (1-2), 28 September 2004 (2-1) and 18 October 2005 (2-0).
10 December 2005	*Following the away match at Cheltenham, Macclesfield were in 21 st position in the league table, after 21 matches with a total of 21 points.
13 November 2006	*During the first round FA Cup tie against Walsall at the Moss Rose which was being televised by SKY TV, 10 minutes into the second half 36 footballs were catapulted into the ground over the Star Lane stand temporarily stopping play.

13 January 2007	*The home league match against Walsall, which the visitors won 2-0, was Macclesfield's 444 th Football League match and their 222 nd home league match. As the number 111 and multiples are said to be unlucky in cricket no wonder Macclesfield lost this match.
2007-2008 pre-season	*Possibly the most number of pre-season matches played when manager Keith Alexander organised 16 matches (including three in Northern Ireland) on the basis that he believed that playing matches was the best preparation for the season.
28 February 2009	*Macclesfield ended the home match against Shrewsbury Town with no strikers on the pitch, Simon Yeo, Emile Sinclair and Gareth Evans having been replaced by Danny Thomas (midfielder), Nat Brown (defender) and Izac Reid (midfielder). *Both teams finished the match with players named Richard Walker.
16 November 2010	*In the round one FA Cup replay at Southend United, the referee would not allow Macclesfield to play in their black away strip as he considered that it would clash with Southend's dark blue. Macclesfield played in white shirts with numbers on their backs but no names.
5 November 2011	*In the league match at Burton Albion, striker Vinny Mukendi was introduced from the substitutes' bench at the start of the second half and was dismissed after 12 seconds which equalled the then Football League record.
2 November 2013	*Macclesfield gained a penalty 15 seconds after kick-off which Connor Jennings converted. Jennings went on to complete his hat-trick in the 94 th minute to give Macclesfield a 3-2 victory.
15 October 2016	*With his two goals in the FA Cup fourth qualifying match against North Ferriby United, Danny Whitaker became only the seventh player in the history of the club to appear in both the all-time top 25 total appearances and the all-time top 25 goal scorers.

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Danny Whitaker (second from right)