

31/08/05 TT No.31: Mike Latham - Mossley (Unibond 1)

Tue 30 Aug 2005, FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay: Mossley 1-0 Sheffield (att. - 268)

Mossley's fine start to the season continued when they beat Sheffield by a single goal in a tight replay at Seel Park.

Ryan Giggs' brother Rhodri scored the only goal of the game with a glancing header at the near post from a right-wing corner in the 71st minute.

Sheffield contained the home side very well with their hard-working approach but created very few chances of their own and Mossley ran out worthy winners.

Seel Park is a well-appointed and atmospheric ground located just off the main market square of the town which is now easily reached via Ashton-u-Lyne off J23 of the M60 motorway.

The ground's elevated location allows some spectacular views over the Pennine hills and on a warm summer's evening it was a splendid place to watch football.

Mossley are a friendly club and the spectators appear very knowledgeable and committed to their club. The ground's main facilities are located at the main entrance side of the ground with a nice club house, tea bar and small main stand together with a supporters' club shop.

The terrace to the right of the main stand is covered and there is a small cover on the opposite side with the area behind the goal to the left (school) side uncovered terracing.

The ground is maintained to a high order and there are many excellent vantage points to be had. Most of the spectators gathered in the main stand or on the terrace to the right. The sloping pitch was in very good condition.

Admission was £7 adults and a goods informative 40-page programme sold for £1.50. The meat and potato pies came highly recommended and were excellent value at £1.20 though, as at Ramsbottom two days earlier, there had been a rush on the peas which sold out early.

Entertainment rating 4*.

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