

**21/10/05 TT No.79: Mike Latham - Bacup Borough (NWCL)**

Thursday 20 Oct 2005, NWCLD1 Bacup Borough 2-0 Silsden (att.- 80)

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again- never has that truism been more relevant than tonight's game at Bacup.

After many enjoyable visits to the ground partly ruined by the absence of a programme (see *TT No.68 - 13 Oct*) imagine the surprise when, on going through the turnstile, there was the sight of programmes on sale.

With a distinctive black and white cover, the programme cost £1 and largely comprised the NWCL newsletter. The opening right-hand page, usually reserved for a welcome and list of club officials and numbers, was completely blank. The only editorial of note was a one-and-a-half-page column by the manager, which must have broken the record for most words in a sentence. Bizarrely, the away team was listed but not the home team and there was no list of results or forthcoming games. But at least it was a start and maybe travellers can approach a trip to Bacup (especially given their choice of Thursday as their midweek date for home games) with more confidence that they will get a programme to add to their collection.

Two second half goals, both from free-kicks, saw Bacup to victory though Silsden, promoted from NWCLD2 last season, wasted a host of chances, especially early in the proceedings. It was a good way to spend a Thursday evening in East Lancashire though, sadly, none of the travellers present for last Thursday's programme-less 0-0 draw appeared to have made a return trip. Game rating: 3\*.

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