

Programme notes Borehamwood FC

Good after everyone and a warm welcome to the Moss Rose for today's Vanarama National League fixture match against Borehamwood FC. On behalf of the Silkmen Supporters Trust [SST] may I extend a warm welcome to the Borehamwood players, officials and supporters.

When doing a minimum amount of research, I discovered that our visitors are younger than I am, having been formed in 1948. Congratulations on making your way to the National League and we wish you well – except, of course, when playing our Silkmen.

Some personal thoughts

Just before I started to write this column, an obituary in my paper caught my eye – Yogi Bera – a top flight baseball player who died aged 90 and who had a knack of making unforgettable comments “it ain't over till it's over” being one of the best known. How many times have I thought that as the final whistle approaches? Let's hope we can repeat the performance we saw against league leaders FGR.

I have been privileged to act as Trust Secretary under every Chairman from Andy Worth through to the present Steve Mundy but decided some time ago to reduce the level of my input. It is important that bodies such as the SST Board are open to change and I have absolute confidence that the new Board will deliver continuing success especially with your support. Remember – the more members we have the more we can truly speak on your behalf to the Club, the owner and other bodies.

Trust news

We are delighted to support the crowd funding attempt to raise £10 000 which is being masterminded by Founder SST Chair, Andy Worth. Please support the fund raising effort – it all goes to the first team budget and the final figure will be matched, pound for pound, to a £10 000 maximum. This is a major fundraising attempt and is aimed solely at the first team budget.

A project like that takes huge effort and I would urge everyone to get behind Andy and his team – not just digging deep but offering help and support when help is needed.

The Trust Board has put a major effort into refreshing and redesigning its website. We have taken a new address – even shorter and simpler than before – www.sstrust.uk so do have a look. We'd be delighted to hear your views, have your photographs for possible publication and even welcome an article or two – have you seen the piece from the Scandinavian Silkmen?

The Homeground Project, linking our club with the local silk trade in Macclesfield via a fascinating art project has now moved to its next stage. Having taken the opportunity to step outside my normal comfort zone and try something totally new, I can't wait to see the final results – but sorry, I'm committed to silence on the subject although I think you will all be impressed by the result.

And finally

Let's get behind our teams and enjoy a great game. A safe journey home to everyone.