

STOCKFEST '07

***The Fans Tournament
Sat 16th June 2007***

***Stockport County Training Ground
Manor Farm, Timperley***



MANAGERS PACK

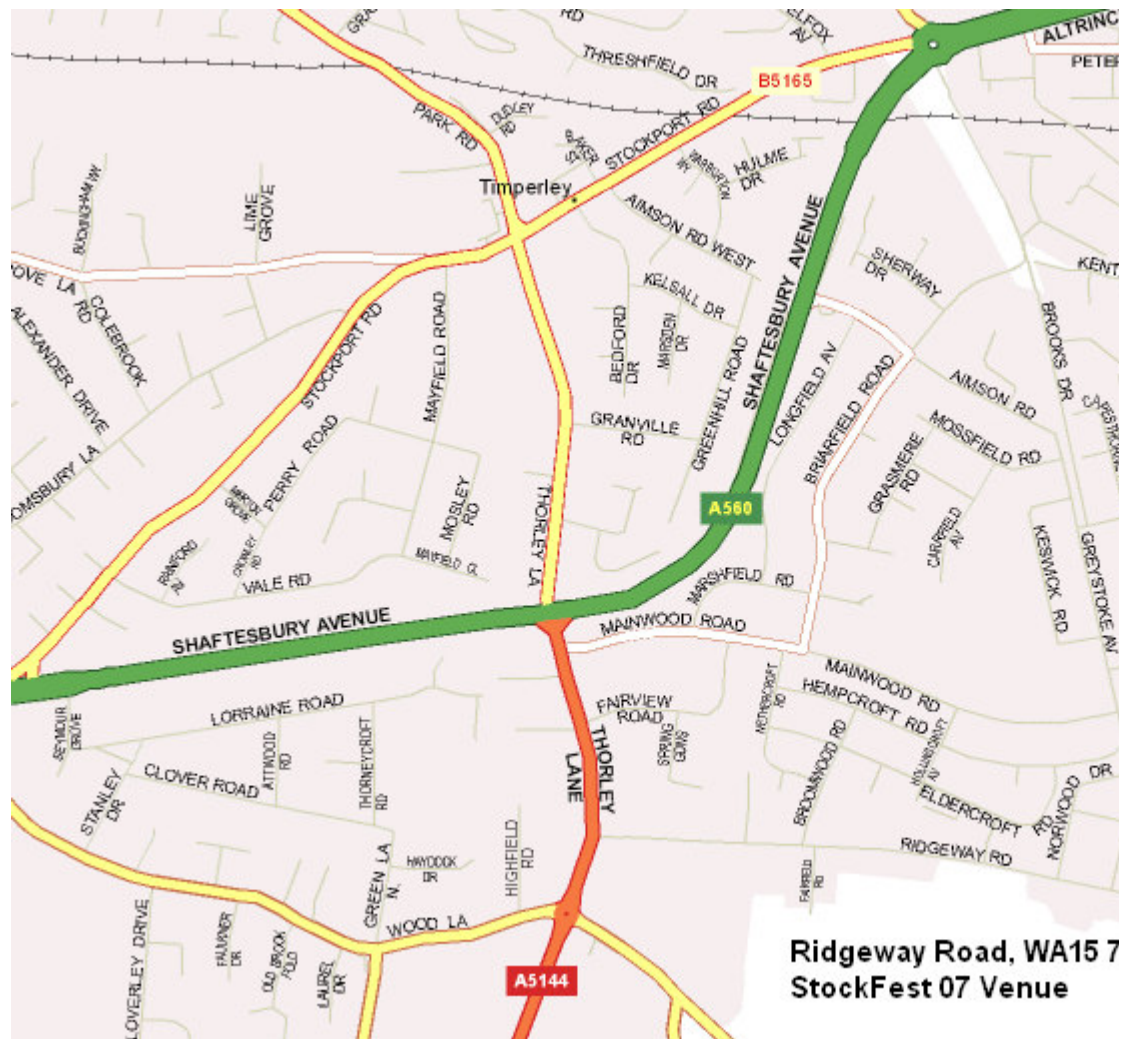
Welcome to the inaugural Stockfest Tournament. Thanks for making the effort to get involved.

Information on the venue, fixtures and tournament rules can be found within the pack.

The Venue

The tournament is being held at the Stockport County FC Training Ground, which is located on Ridgeway Road in Timperley, Cheshire. The postcode is WA15 7EY for those with Sat Nav.

Alternatively the map below shows the local area.



We will be placing several fluorescent signs around the area which will hopefully direct you to the event with the minimum fuss. It is slightly tucked away so please allow a little extra travelling time.

Fixtures

The Stockfest draw was made on Tuesday 13th June, with various members of the Animo et Fide FC committee present, plus a few players. The tournament is split into two groups, with the top two of each group progressing to the semi finals. The bottom two of each will take part in a wooden spoon tournament. This means all teams get at least four games during the day, amounting to around 120 minutes.

All times are subject to change, its up to teams to monitor what's happening on the pitches and at the admin desk. All teams are expected to provide Linesmen for the group games they have been allocated. Linesmen for the knockout stages will be decided on final group placing. Teams should check with the admin desk after the group stages to see if they will be needed to supply any linesmen for any more games.

TIME	GROUP/ ROUND	PITCH				LINESMEN
10.00	A	A	MAN UTD	V	HULL CITY	MANSFIELD
10.00	A	B	CHESTER	V	TRANMERE	STOCKPORT
10.40	B	A	MANSFIELD	V	AYR	HULL CITY
10.40	B	B	STOCKPORT	V	WBA	TRANMERE
11.20	A	A	HULL CITY	V	CHESTER	AYR
11.20	A	B	MAN UTD	V	TRANMERE	WBA
12.00	B	A	AYR	V	STOCKPORT	CHESTER
12.00	B	B	MANSFIELD	V	WBA	MAN UTD
12.40	A	A	CHESTER	V	MAN UTD	STOCKPORT
12.40	A	B	HULL CITY	V	CHESTER	MANSFIELD
13.20	B	A	MANSFIELD	V	STOCKPORT	CHESTER
13.20	B	B	WBA	V	AYR	HULL CITY
14.30	SEMI 1	A	Winners Group A	V	Runners Up Group B	4th placed Group A
14.30	SEMI 2	B	Winners Group B	V	Runners Up Group A	4 th placed Group B
15.10	SPOON SEMI 1	A	3rd placed Group A	V	4th placed Group B	Runners Up Group A
15.10	SPOON SEMI 2	B	3rd placed Group B	V	4th placed Group A	Runners Up Group B
16.00	FINAL	A	Winners Semi 1	V	Winners Semi 2	Spoon Semi Winners
16.00	SPOON FINAL	B	Loser Spoon Semi 1	V	Loser Spoon Semi 2	Semi Losers

The presentations of the Richard Harnwell Memorial Cup and Wooden Spoon will happen inside the main building near to the admin desk. This will happen shortly after the end of each final.

Facilities

On arrival at Manor Farm you will be directed by a parking attendant to an area where you can leave your vehicle. You will also be given instructions on where to register your team and also where to get changed. Each of the important areas of the building will be signposted to make things easier for you.

There are changing facilities inside the main building, the capacity of which is estimated at around 3 or 4 teams at one time. With this in mind, if you're using the changing rooms please be aware there may be other teams waiting to use them. We don't envisage any problems with security, however we do recommend you take responsibility for your personal belongings during the day as we cannot be held responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.

There will also be showering facilities available on the day as well as ladies and gents toilets. The gents is located at the far end of the changing block next to the showers. The ladies is elsewhere in the building. Ask a volunteer or at the bar for directions.

There are no food or drink outlets within easy walking distance so we have secured the services of a food vendor for the day. This will be located somewhere near the changing block.

Should you have any questions on the day, look out for people wearing orange MS Society t-shirts, or alternatively head to the admin desk.

ADMINISTRATION RULES

1. COMPETITION

- (a) The competition shall be called STOCKFEST 07 - the fans tournament.
- (b) Eight teams will compete for the Richard Harnwell memorial Cup.
- (c) The competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association.

2. TEAMS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER AND ENTRY FEE

The competition shall be open to all IFA teams.

The entry fee shall be £75 per team.

3. COMMITTEE AND POWERS

A committee comprising of 4 shall be appointed to organise the competition.

The Committee is: Dave Marchbank-Smith (Secretary), Mark Smith (Club Manager), Chris Marchbank-Smith and Andy Warrington (Assistant Manager)

The Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition, and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the competition, including any not providing for by these rules.

The Committee shall also adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint.

Other Members shall be co-opted if required.

4. COPIES OF RULES

A copy of these rules shall be given to all participating Teams and are binding on the clubs taking part.

5. PLAYERS QUALIFICATION

Before the commencement of the Stockfest 07 all teams shall submit a list of players eligible to participate (together with details of their dates of birth and addresses) to the Committee.

All players shall be bona fide members of their club and may only play for one club

6. TEAM COLOURS

Each team competing shall register its first and second choice colours with the competition. In the event of similar colours the second named team shall change.

Players shall be dressed in uniform shirts and shorts together with shin guards. Goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from other players and referees. The goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms. Footwear must be appropriate to the conditions of play and must conform to FA standards.

7. ARRANGEMENT OF STOCKFEST 07

(a) The competition shall be played on a League basis (in the first stage) with the teams divided by the Committee into two groups of four, where each team will play each other once. 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 for a draw.

In the event of teams being tied on points at the end of the league stage the following procedure will be used:

- * Winner of the game between tied teams
- * Goals difference (goals scored minus goal against)
- * Most goals scored
- * If this fails to resolve the tie then it will be settled by the toss of a coin.

The two top sides in each group will qualify for the knock-out stage, the bottom two will enter a 'Losers Spoon' knock-out.

In the knock-out stages of the tournament, a drawn game will go straight into a penalty shoot-out.

The tournament finals (Final and Losers Plate) will go into 10 minutes extra time (five minutes each way) if the scores are level at the end of the normal 30 minutes. If there is still no winner, a penalty shoot-out will be used to decide the winner.

All teams will be expected to supply linesman for a set number of games.

In the event that a team fails to fulfil a fixture, the points will be awarded to the other team with a 0-0 scoreline.

8. REPORTING OF RESULTS

The referee shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game and goal scorers to the Committee at the conclusion of each game.

9. REFEREES

Four referees shall be appointed for the competition.

Referees shall be paid a fee of £40 and will be presented with a memento of the occasion.

10. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Committee, but no objection relative to the dimensions of the playing area or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained by the Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the game

11. MISCONDUCT

To be dealt with in accordance with the agreed FA Procedures.

12. TROPHIES

The following trophies will be presented:

- Winners medals x 15
- Runners-up Medals x15
- Wooden Spoon
- Referees trophies
- Golden boot (top goal scorer)

Richard Harnwell Memorial Cup (will be engraved with winners but retained for future use by AEF FC)

13. EXECEPTIONS

All rules will be as per the Football Association, with the following exceptions:

- * Games will be 15 minutes each way with a five minute break between halves.
- * Teams will be allowed a maximum of five substitutions per game.
- * Players who have previously been taken off can be brought back on during the same game, this will count towards the maximum of five.

14. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

In the unlikely event of any player receiving a sending off or two bookings, they will miss their teams' next game.

15. DISCLAIMER

AEF Football Club state that all players compete in the tournament at their own risk. Football can result in injuries, sometimes serious, but the organisers of Stockfest '07 cannot be held responsible for any injuries incurred during the tournament. Likewise, they cannot be held responsible for any theft or damage to belongings or motor vehicles whilst at the venue.

It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that they are fit and well enough to participate and do not enter the tournament with any medical condition, which could endanger their health. All matches will be played on grass.

16. OFFICIALS

Since the emphasis of the tournament is charity and fun, players shall respect ALL decisions made by officials. Referees and linesman will be instructed to punish acts of dissent severely.

Physical and persistent verbal abuse of officials will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and will result in instant expulsion from the tournament.

17. RACISM, RACIST ABUSE AND PRO-DIVERSITY

Any incidence of racism or racist abuse will not be tolerated under any circumstances. It is EVERY participant's duty to ensure that the tournament and its participants are not subject to any form of racism or racist abuse. We gladly welcome all participants regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Any participant or team that fails to extend this welcome to their fellow participants is not welcome at this tournament or any of our other activities.