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from the dugout

>> WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good afternoon and welcome to Blackwell Meadows for today's Vanarama North game versus Salford City.

Today's game doesn't come much tougher... Bern and Jonno have done a great job at the football club and having bumped into Bern on holiday in the summer I know they are loving every minute of it. They have a fantastic project on their hands and have recruited very well. It's no surprise to see them running away with it currently and there won't be many doubting they will be crowned champions come April.

This fixture over the past few years has meant a lot to both clubs, it has decided league titles and has denied promotions. Today, no title will be decided but the lads will naturally be up for the occasion competing with the best team in this league and renewing the rivalry.

Despite form and placing in the current league table we are a big club and beating us is still a big scalp. We are working hard to kick start our season again in the right half of the table.

As a group we feel we are gradually getting there, we have implemented a new way if you like and I will admit, it has taken longer than I hoped. Also when you integrate new players into a settled group, there is always the risk some may take longer than you want to hit the ground running while they are learning about each other.

You as supporters have been great since I was appointed and the feedback I have received has been brilliant considering the results haven't gone our way yet. I think you can see what I am trying to do and barring individual errors we have played some really good football. That being said we need to start putting points on the board.

We deserved to beat Tamworth and we at least deserved a replay from Harrogate in the FA Trophy. I can take slight encouragement from that particular fact but we are beating ourselves currently. The luck will change at some point I am sure, we will play a lot worse and win.

We have a big four weeks ahead of us as a group, playing host to the league leaders this afternoon, then travelling to Gainsborough Trinity before the double header against second placed Harrogate Town over Christmas and New Year. To add a bit more interest to the New Year we then welcome back our former manager Martin Gray and his York City side to BM which I am sure will be eventful.

Get behind the lads today and make some noise.

Tommy

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Building the future together

>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the game

Today sees the visit of the current league leaders, Salford City, who have started to hit top form and are flying high at the top of the league. Our first game of the season was away to Salford and we returned deserved winners following an entertaining game but today will prove to be a very difficult test against the side who everyone was predicting would win the league this season and who are in tremendous form going into the game.

Recent results have been disappointing for us as we have gone through significant changes in both managerial and playing staff. It always takes time for a side to settle following such changes whilst players and staff get used to new formations and tactics employed. Whilst I am not one to bemoan bad luck, we do seem to have been punished in recent games for every mistake we have made either individually or collectively, however I do firmly believe that once we get our next win we have the players to go on a decent run to help achieve a comfortable league position. As we stand today, results have gone against us and we need to start to turn around our recent disappointing form. What better place to start than at home today!

It was great to see Reece start his first home game against Harrogate last Friday evening and despite a cruel last minute defeat I thought we showed plenty of quality, commitment and shape against a very good side. Reece did what we brought him in to do – two goals on his debut and the promise of more to come, so it's great to have him on-board.

Tommy is continuing to look at the squad and we held a behind-the-scenes game a week gone Tuesday to give some of the players more game time and we also used the opportunity to look at eight teenagers who all performed excellently against their Northern League opponents winning the game 1-0. The development of talent is a key area that we want to improve moving forward. Bringing players through our ranks who are capable of playing at this level and getting the right blend with experienced players is a great model to develop from a financial perspective.

On Thursday evening, the players and management team also attended a Christmas party following training, which the club held to say thank-you to the numerous volunteers who support the club throughout the season. Our club is hugely grateful for this contribution and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank-you all for this support. Needless to say, it was soft drinks for the players!

On Monday evening, we are extending an invitation for all fans of the club to come along to the Dolphin Centre to listen to both the Football Club Directors and the DFCSG Board who will talk about our current position and the options for the future. This gives everyone a chance to listen and ask questions regarding the club and I would urge you all to attend. The DFCSG has a newly elected Board in place and the Football Club Board looks forward to working closely with them moving forward.

We are now entering the festive period and we have some great games coming up over the next few weeks. It would be great to have the ground full providing a fantastic atmosphere supporting the team. As I write, this may be our final home game prior to Christmas (16th depending), so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New year, your support has been unbelievable and I know this will continue next year.

Finally can I extend a warm welcome to the fans, players, management and officials of Salford City and wish them a safe journey home following the match.

Enjoy the game and get behind the team!

David

Coming to **Blackwell Meadows** today...

Salford City

Salford City are our visitors today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Formed in 1940 as Salford Central, and then became known as Salford Amateurs, hence their nickname of the Ammies.
- Achieved success in the 1970s which included local cups and leagues.
- Entered the FA Cup for the first time in 1990
- A second successive promotion from the North West Counties League in 2008 secured their place in the Unibond League
- Taken over by the Class of 92 – Gary Neville, Phil Neville, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Nicky Butt -- in 2014
- Defeated Notts County in the first round of the FA Cup in 2015, before going out to Hartlepool in the next round.
- Under managers Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley won back-to-back promotions to the National North in 2016, They finished second behind Quakers in the EvoStik League.
- The club is progressing with redevelopments of their ground, and a new stand was recently formally opened by Sir Alex Ferguson

SALFORD 2017/18 STATS

- Yet to lose away from home in the league from ten games
- Best defensive record in the division, only conceded 14 goals
- Won the most matches away in the league -- eight from ten
- Won the most matches overall in the division, 16 wins from 20 games
- Have won their last seven league fixtures
- Jack Redshaw is the club's top scorer with eleven goals

LAST SIX GAMES

02/12/2017 Blyth Spartans (A) Won 1-0

25/11/2017 Brackley (A) FA Trophy Lost 4-0

18/11/2017 North Ferriby United (H) Won 4-0

11/11/2017 Tamworth (A) Won 2-1

4/11/2017 Alfreton (H) Won 1-0

31/10/2017 Boston United (A) Won 1-0

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National League North – Points 77 Position 4th (Lost in playoffs)

2015/16 Northern Premier League – Points 90 Position 3rd (Promoted via playoffs)

2014/15 Northern Premier League Division One North – Points 95 Position 1st (Promoted)

2013/14 Northern Premier League Division One North – Points 52 Position 12th

2012/13 Northern Premier League Division One North – Points 46 Position 16th

2011/12 Northern Premier League Division One North – Points 52 Position 13th

LAST MATCH: BLYTH 0 - 1 SALFORD

Salford City moved nine points clear at the top of the National League North after a gritty 1-0 win at Blyth Spartans. The Ammies started out the better side, but it was Spartans who almost opened the scoring through Dan Maguire from a shot just inside the area but Max Crocombe saved well for Salford. Former Quaker Dale Hopson also missed an opportunity for Blyth, but sliced well wide. Michael Liddle narrowly headed wide for Salford, but they broke the deadlock on 36 minutes. Jack Redshaw got in behind the home defence and our former keeper Pete Jameson brought him down, with the referee pointing to the spot. Redshaw picked himself up and planted the penalty in the corner to give the Ammies the lead. The hosts pushed for a quick response and despite three Salford players being yellow carded in the minutes before half time Blyth were unable to level.

The second half was played at a frantic pace. Salford could have doubled their lead through Redshaw, but he fired high and wide after creating space in the box. At the other end Dan Maguire twice had efforts to level, but both missed the target.

Spartans kept pushing and thought they had levelled through a drive from Jarett Rivers, but Anthony Dudley cleared off the line. Hopson and sub Adam Wrightson also missed chances for the home side, before Robbie Dale also had a shot cleared in the final minutes, as Salford hung on for their seventh straight victory in the league.

Team: Salford City: Crocombe, Nottingham, Touray, Burton, Piergianni, Hogan, Allen (Beesley 69), Mafuta, Phenix (Dudley 69), Redshaw, Askew (Dieseruvwe 86).

Subs not used: Livesey, McHale.

Attendance: 1040

Joint Managers – Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley

The managerial duo joined the Ammies in January 2015 replacing Phil Power. They had previously been in charge of Ramsbottom United where they led the club to new heights. Two promotions saw them take the club from the North West Counties League to the Evo-Stik Premier League. This included a playoff semi-

Coming to **Blackwell Meadows** today...

Photos by Charlotte Tattersall

Salford City

final victory over ourselves at Heritage Park. Their success continued from the word go at Salford, as they led the side to two successive promotions alongside us, as both clubs climbed into the National North. Both were former semi-professional players with Johnson playing for Salford.

Jack Redshaw - The 26-year-old Salford born forward started out with Manchester City's academy side at the age of 9 and signed his first professional contract with them in 2008. Two years later he joined Rochdale where he made 3 first team appearances. A move to Salford City followed and Jack scored sixteen goals in twenty-six appearances before signing for Altrincham. Jack's quality was plain to see and after a short but successful spell at Moss Lane he was signed by League Two Morecambe in January 2012. Following 120 league appearances for the Shrimpers (with 36 goals scored) Jack moved to Blackpool in 2015. A tricky, goalscoring forward Jack was released during the summer of 2017 and accepted an offer to sign a two-year contact with his home city club. A real coup for the Ammies and he announced his return in style, scoring twice against former club Blackpool in a pre-season game at Moor Lane.

Richie Allen – Attacking midfielder / striker who signed from AFC Fylde in September 2015. Richie attained genuine 'legend' status with The Coasters and up until his departure no player had contributed more goals to their cause. Richie weighed in with seventeen goals during the 2015-2016 season, including a cracker in front of the BBC's cameras as the Ammies beat Notts County in the FA Cup first round. With his buccaneering style and ability to conjure spectacular goals he became a firm favourite with Salford supporters and accepted an offer to turn full-time during the summer of 2017.

Michael Nottingham – Tall defender who was an integral part of the Solihull Moors side that won the National League North title in 2016. Michael can operate as a right-back, central defender or wing-back and has a real eye for a goal, notching eleven in all competitions last season. Started out with Romulus and Redditch United before moving to Gresley where he was selected for the Evostik League First Division South's team of the season. That fine form earned a move to Solihull Moors on 2013 and Michael had a great campaign in 2015-2016, picking up the players' and supporters' player-of-the-year awards as well as a divisional winner's medal. He carried that form on at Moor Lane and after a great first season with Salford City was named as the supporters' player-of-the-year as well as being selected in the National League North team of the season.

SALFORD– LAST SEASON

Following back-to-back promotions Salford came into the National North with expectations of another good season and they got off to a flying start. They won six of their first eight games, as they made an undefeated start to the campaign which included a 3-3 draw with title rivals Fylde. However, they went on a run of seven games without a win which included four defeats, a spell that would prove costly. The run saw them slip from top spot to tenth in the league. The managerial duo were able to turn their fortunes back around, as they quickly climbed back into the playoff places, with heavy wins over Kidderminster Harriers and a 5-0 destruction of leaders Fylde which pushed them up to second as the season entered the final months.

The table was very tight except for leaders Fylde, but costly draws, as well as defeats at Boston United and Gainsborough Trinity left Salford in real trouble trying to make the top five. In their last three games they needed three wins and they got them including a 5-1 victory against us on the final day at Moor Lane to secure a playoff spot.

In the playoff semi finals they met Halifax Town, with both legs finishing all square. However, it was Halifax who held their nerve to win the penalty shoot out 3-1, as they moved into the final and clinched promotion.

SQUAD

Joint managers: Anthony Johnson and Bernard Morley

Goalkeepers: Max Crocombe, Tony Aghayere, Callum Burton

Defenders: Josh Askew, Ibou Touray, Liam Hogan, Danny Livesey, Carl Piergianni, Michael Nottingham

Midfielders: Dominic McHale, Richie Allen, Scott Burton, Gus Mafuta, Lois Maynard, Mark Shelton

Forwards: Mike Phenix, Jack Redshaw, Anthony Dudley, Mani Dieseruvwe, Jake Beesley

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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game.

It was really disappointing to lose against Harrogate in our last home game, and a sloppy five minute spell cost us. I thought we played really well against a team that up to that point had only lost once away from home this season, and Reece certainly showed that he will be a very good addition to the squad.

Reece made a massive positive impact, he lifted the players and the fans when he charged through and scored the second goal. It was great to see him get off the mark when he scored from the penalty spot, and even better when he took his second goal as well as he did.

Reece has a load of experience at several clubs, and has proved that he can score goals on a regular basis. You can see why he had scored ten goals for Tamworth before he came to us.

He's going to be a big threat for us, and hopefully he's the final piece in the jigsaw. I wonder how many he would he have scored when we created loads of chances and didn't win at Curzon Ashton and North Ferriby earlier in the season. I can see him getting another ten for us over the rest of the season.

We're starting to look like a Tommy Wright team now. The new lads have come in, and we've all slowly got used to each other on and off the field, and everybody is gelling together well.

We know that we have to cut out mistakes, because as if we've seen, make a mistake at this level and you're punished, even in the opposition's half of the field.

What we need now is for everyone to stay positive, on and off the field, especially as we approach the festive period. Positivity really helps the players on the field during a game, and all the lads really appreciate your support.

Enjoy the game

Phil

TOM PORTAS LAUNCHES THE VIRGIN TRAINS 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT TRAVEL SCHEME.

DAVID FERGUSON IN ACTION AT SALFORD

Last time we met

Team: Bartlett, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Collins, Brown, Gillies (sub Scott 66), Syers, Beck, Caton (Saunders 74), Ferguson

Subs: Marrs, Fenwick, Wilczynski

Salford: Crocombe, Hogan, Piergianni, Burton, Livesey, Maynard, Nottingham, Allen, Phenix (sub Dudley 68), Dieseruvwe, Touray (sub Askew 68)

Subs: Beesley, Ogunrinde, Aghayere

Attendance 1,777

> **5TH AUGUST 2017**

Salford City 0 Darlington 2

Quakers produced a magnificent performance to win at promotion favourites Salford, both goals scored by David Ferguson.

The midfielder scored late in each half to give Quakers the three points, and not many inside Moor Lane could argue that Quakers deserved to win.

There was some early promise for Quakers when Beck nodded down a Gillies cross for David Syers to have a shot blocked ten yards out.

Quakers had a good chance when a long throw by Brown came in from the left, and Syers was inches wide at the far post.

There was some great trickery by James Caton on the left when he dribbled past a defender and whipped in a dangerous cross that was headed away by a defender.

Salford posed danger when Mani Dieseruvwe broke down the right and crossed into the middle, where Mike Phenix failed to control the ball with just Bartlett to beat.

Quakers took the lead on 43 minutes when Caton burst through and struck the bar, and the ball rebounded out for David Ferguson to control, then he coolly stroked the ball into the bottom right hand corner from the edge of the area.

Quakers were pushed back at the start of the second half, but again defended well. Dieseruvwe mishit his shot from 10 yards but Phenix could only divert the ball into Bartlett's hands, then Lois Maynard set up Dieseruvwe, but he could only fire straight at Bartlett from twelve yards.

Richie Allen cut in from the right and curled a left foot shot just over, and Phenix burst through one-on-one, and blazed wildly over the bar.

But Quakers overcame that spell of pressure, and started to gain more of a foothold in the game. And in stoppage time Quakers caught Salford with a quick counter-attack, when sub Harvey Saunders broke down the right hand side, beat a defender, and then rolled the ball across the 18 yard box for Ferguson to slide past the stranded keeper.

THE EX FACTOR

Craig Stoddart and Ray Simpson have been keeping an eye on the activities of former Darlo players.

AMAR PUREWAL WINS AWARD

BEN PURKISS

DAN BURN (LEFT)

Former Darlo favourite **Amar Purewal** has won a prestigious award.

Amar, who left us last season, won the Asian non league footballer of the year award at a dinner in London, pipping his brother Arjun.

Amar said: "I was over the moon to win, it's not something you expect to be nominated for when you are up north, because there's not as many Asian players as there are down south. To win it was quite an achievement.

"I clinched it on the night, but we are big supporters of each other, so I feel like we both won."

Arjun said: "He wanted me to win and I wanted him to win, so whoever won was going to feel bad for the other one, but if I had to lose to anyone I'm glad it was my brother."

Together with Arjun, another former Darlo player, they collected the team of the year award on behalf of the Panjab FA for doing well in the Conifa World Cup last year. Amar was the top scorer in the competition.

Former Darlington defender **Ben Purkiss** has been elected chairman of the Professional Footballers Association.

Purkiss played twelve games for us in season 2011-12, and is currently at Swindon Town after moving there from Port Vale during the summer.

"I'm really looking forward to doing my best for players up and down the country," he said. "I've been part of the management committee for five years and supported Ritchie Humphries, so I'm not coming in blind. I understand the scale of the role and I'm not daunted by it.

"It's difficult to describe. I'm proud, honoured. You look back through the list of chairs and there haven't been that many."

PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor added: "We congratulate Ben on his selection as chairman and feel sure his vast experience as a player and management committee member make him eminently suitable for the position.

"Ben is articulate, forward thinking and knowledgeable about the Association and very well respected in the game amongst his fellow professionals, showing all the characteristics you need to be a chairman of the PFA."

Dan Burn was in the national spotlight last weekend, playing in Wigan Athletic's FA Cup second round tie at AFC Fylde televised live on BBC2.

The towering centre-back's team drew 1-1, Wigan pegged back by a late goal scored by Danny Rowe.

Burn came through the ranks with Quakers, making his debut as a teenager in 2009.

Danny Graham was on target when Blackburn threw away a 3-0 lead to draw 3-3 with League Two strugglers Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup.

Tony Mowbray's League One side were in complete control after taking a 3-0 lead inside 20 minutes, Graham's goal making it 2-0, but later Rovers had two men sent off and Crewe clawed their way back into the contest to earn a replay.

Graham was on loan at Darlington in 2004 from Middlesbrough.

Nathan Cartman scored on his debut for Farsley Celtic in the EvoStik Premier Division, just a day after signing for them from Quakers.

It took him just ten minutes to score against Stafford Rangers, and set up a 2-0 win. He had a loan spell at Farsley earlier in the season when he scored twice.

Farsley manager Adam Lakeland said; "I am absolutely delighted to welcome Nathan back to the football club. He is a player I have admired for a long time, a natural goal scorer and a proven goal scorer.

"We had him on loan at the start of the season and I thought he applied himself really well. His movement and pace proved a real threat, and the only disappointment was his goal output in that month. Ultimately his partnership up front didn't work just as we would have liked.

"I really feel we've got the ideal fit with Nathan coming to the club. He's local, he's at the right age as he's in his prime at 28, and most importantly he wants to play for Farsley Celtic. I am really looking forward to linking up with him again."

When Cartman arrived, another former Darlo striker, **James Walshaw**, left for Scarborough Athletic.

Ryan Bowman finished on the losing side in a controversial Scottish League Cup final for Motherwell against Celtic. The game turned on a hotly-disputed penalty for a foul on Celtic's Scott Sinclair early in the second half.

"It is important to take things on. 100 per cent," said Bowman. "You can feel sorry for yourselves and let the season drift away, but we are better than that.

"As the manager says, as hard as it may be, we have to dust ourselves down, pick ourselves up as quickly as possible as we have a game just as big as Hampden on Wednesday night.

"It's been a totally different season. From a relegation battle to the top six. But we have to push on. Like I said, we can't just drift off. We have to keep going and going. As players, we know what we are trying to do. Everyone knows their jobs and what we are trying to do.

"There is a great team spirit in the changing room at the moment."

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Reece Styche

Quakers' new centre forward Reece Styche was an instant hit when he scored twice on his debut against Harrogate Town in our last home game. He spoke to Ray Simpson.

Wherever Reece has played in his career and felt happy, he's always scored goals, and hopefully after scoring twice against Harrogate on his debut, he'll feel happy with us!

He started his career at Hednesford, and played for Grantham, Coalville and Shepshed Dynamo before moving in October 2009 to Chasetown, where he discovered a proper goalscoring touch.

He scored 13 goals in 15 matches for Chasetown, and that was enough to earn him a move to Conference club Forest Green Rovers just three months later. Just a day after signing, he scored twice on his debut after coming on as a sub against Hayes and Yeading, and that signalled the start of a prosperous spell.

"I did re ally well at Forest Green, and I enjoyed my football there the most," he said. "The manager at the time, Dave Hockaday believed in me, and when you've got that in a manager, like Tommy Wright has believed in me, you play your best football."

It was when he was at Forest Green that he became firm friends with Tommy, the two of them playing up front near the end of the 2011-12 season. At that point, Tommy had joined Forest Green from Luton Town, and they travelled to training and matches together.

Reece was a regular scorer at Forest Green, and scored 16 in his first full season, as well as attracting a £75,000 offer from Luton Town. He also earned an England C international cap, but disaster struck in February 2013 when he suffered a cruciate injury – his second serious injury after a damaged knee in 2011 -- and didn't play for another eight months.

"I started the season the 2011-12 season really well, and scored six goals in seven games. I had a pain in my knee and thought it was just a cartilage tear, but it was something much worse than that, and I was out for six months.

"Ironically, Luton had just offered £75,000 for me, but Forest Green turned it down and offered me a three-year deal which I signed. Then the injury happened just a week or so later. Maybe it happened that way for a reason."

It was on his return from the second injury that he joined Wycombe in the Football League on loan until the rest of the 2013-14 season, but the move didn't work – probably because of that long spell without playing. "I tried to play too soon after the injury, and I didn't really do myself justice." To make matters worse, he was also released by Forest Green at the end of the season, after scoring 35 goals in 108 games for them.

It was during his brief stay at Wycombe that he was called up to the Gibraltar squad for friendly games against the Faroe Islands and Estonia. He qualified to represent the territory by virtue of his grandmother coming from the little country based on the rock overlooking the Mediterranean.

"I was very proud to represent my country, but I couldn't understand how unprofessional some of the other players were,

and I made my views known. I thought that some of them were only there for the money, and weren't bothered about losing. We conceded a goal in a game because someone didn't track his runner and I let him know, so he complained about me.

"It was all very political, it wasn't a good environment and I didn't want to play for them any more."

He joined Kidderminster Harriers, and after four months he was loaned out to Tamworth without his knowledge! "Going to Kidderminster was the worst move I'd ever made. I nearly quit football because I was so unhappy there.

"It got to the point in which I didn't want to be there, and the club didn't want me there. I was shopping one day and got a call from the Tamworth manager, Andy Morrell, to talk about a loan move. I didn't even know that the move had been lined up.

"So, I went to Tamworth on loan and enjoyed myself, and went back to Kidderminster for the start of the following season 2015-16. After a couple of months, I went to Macclesfield on loan, and after I was freed by Kidderminster, I went to Gateshead."

The Gateshead move didn't go well, and so he had a loan spell at Nuneaton under Tommy, and another loan spell at Tamworth, whom he joined on a permanent basis in the summer.

Clearly, Reece enjoyed his football at Tamworth, and he was the league's fourth highest scorer with ten when he signed for us last month.

"The main factor in joining Darlington was Tommy. I've known him since I was at Forest Green when we used to travel together and got on really well.

"He took me down to Nuneaton after Gateshead, and he was a main part in me starting to enjoy my football again. Thanks to him, and the Tamworth manager Andy Morrell – I got my love back for football.

"It was a tough decision to leave Tamworth. But Tommy has looked after me, Darlington get big crowds, and they're a big club who shouldn't be in this league. I'm excited to come and play for Tommy again.

"In the last year or so I've found that common ground of enjoying the game and not taking football as seriously as I had been doing over the previous couple of years. At the moment, I'm in a good place and hopefully that will continue at Darlington.

"Gary Brown will tell you that I'm not a nice bloke to play against and I just think that the more you can unsettle your opposition regardless of how you do it, then that can give you that edge. I'm quite direct as a striker, and sometimes I find my scoring boots which is always a good thing. I just like to get into people's faces, I work hard and I like getting hold of the ball and taking people on.

"In the last couple of years sometimes I've been more like a number 10, dropping into the hole but that isn't me. My energy is making runs into the box and into the channels. I like to make half a yard for myself so I can run at someone, get past a defender and get a shot off on goal.

"I want to carry on enjoying my football, as long as I'm doing that, then everything else takes care of itself. I want to work hard because working hard brings you rewards."

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

Today's visitors Salford City are cantering away with the division, leading by nine points with just one league defeat since the opening day of the season. They're also unbeaten away from home this campaign.

The Ammies' hold on top spot was consolidated when Harrogate Town dropped points in a dramatic 2-2 draw at home to Kidderminster in midweek. Simon Ainge thought he'd won the game for Harrogate with a goal in stoppage time, only for Joe Ironside to equalise in the 93rd minute.

That draw took Harrogate above Brackley on goal difference, with both sides nine points adrift of Salford. The Saints have six wins in their last seven.

Blyth Spartans remain firmly in the play-off places, despite three defeats in their last six. They lost 1-0 at home to Salford last weekend to fall 14 points behind the leaders.

5th-placed Spennymoor are two points further adrift, but with a game in hand. They return to league action this afternoon, three weeks after suffering a heavy 4-0 reverse at Leamington.

The season's surprise package are arguably Bradford Park Avenue. They sit in the play-off places after four straight league wins, although they lost to Northern Premier League side Stourbridge in a FA Trophy replay.

And Kidderminster complete the top seven, moving a point clear of their nearest challengers after the midweek draw at Harrogate.

Chorley lie just outside the top seven after losing only one of their last eight league games. The Magpies are also unbeaten in their last four.

A further point back are York City, whose patchy form has seen them win three, lose three and draw two in the league since Martin Gray took over.

10th-placed Tamworth are also struggling for form, after winning only one of their last five – that victory coming against Darlington at Blackwell Meadows.

Stockport County are five points behind the play-off places after an inconsistent run of form, which has seen them win two, lose two and draw two of their last six.

They're a point ahead of AFC Telford, who ended a run of four league games without a win by beating Tamworth 2-0 last month.

Curzon Ashton have slipped six points behind the play-off places after taking just two points from their previous four matches.

14th-placed Alfreton are in freefall after losing eight of their last 10.

But FC United are improving and have climbed away from the relegation zone with four wins from six matches.

17th-placed Leamington are below Darlington on goal difference only. Their recent good form has been stunted after three defeats in four games, to leave them two points above the drop zone.

Also on 22 points are Southport, who are still without a league win under new manager Kevin Davies. They haven't won a league game since beating Darlington in early September – a run of 12 matches.

Gainsborough Trinity are a point and a place above the relegation places. Their form had improved of late, although two defeats in three matches have seen them slip back into trouble.

Third-bottom Nuneaton Town are a point from safety, although they improved their prospects with victory over North Ferriby in their last league game.

Boston United defeated Martin Gray's York City last week to earn their first league win in 11 matches, a run stretching back to early September.

And North Ferriby United continue to look doomed, sitting 14 points from safety and without a league win since August.

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Reserves

Darlington Reserves have agreed a matchball sponsorship deal with the Durham Agency Against Crime for the rest of the season.

The Durham Agency Against Crime plays a key role in the local community in helping young people, and the reserves are happy to help them raise awareness of the services that it provides.

Formed in 1990, the Durham Agency Against Crime has gone from strength to strength supporting and creating safety initiatives to reduce crime and the fear of crime, to make County Durham and Darlington become a safe place to work live and invest.

The charity responds to meet the needs of communities and now focuses on working towards long term change, by educating, challenging behaviours and acts as a catalyst to local action by managing and facilitating integrated crime prevention and community safety programmes across County Durham and Darlington.

Its award winning projects have received regional and national recognition, which have adapted to meet local needs and trends with huge success. The charity relies on forging strong positive partnerships with various organisations who support the agency ensuring fantastic outcomes. In 2013 the agency through its various projects engaged with over 25,000 young people.

Reserves joint manager Mark Fanning said; "The Agency has helped a lot of youngsters in our local community in various constructive ways, and we are very happy to form a partnership with them."

It was third time lucky for the reserves when they beat Hebburn Town Reserves in the Wearside League last week.

The lads had lost twice to Hebburn already this season by 2-1 in the Alan Hood Cup and 4-2 in the reverse fixture and so there was a feeling of revenge is sweet when they beat the second placed South Tynesiders 2-1 for one of their best wins of the season so far.

Vinny Steels and Dale Milburn enhanced their reputations by scoring the goals, but the team was helped by a great performance from Kevin Burgess from the first team squad, whose experience was a key factor in the win, their first in six matches.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said; "Kevin made a huge difference to us, though. He talked a lot to the other players on the pitch, he never got flustered, and he controlled all the lads around him. He provided the experience that we have been missing.

"I thought we were the better footballing side. I thought we bossed the first half, and created some good chances.

"Vinny timed his run perfectly to get on the end of a Joey Smith cross, Dale got the winner with a great volley."

The season is going reasonably well for the reserves, who climbed up to seventh in the table with that win, their eighth of the season.

They also had a long return trip to Windscale in Cumbria, and came back with a 0-0 draw, not a bad result considering that some players were unavailable.

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST

David Hodgson is pictured with Franz Resch (left) and Mario Dorner in October 1997 after greeting his new signings at Darlington train station.

The manager often brought in players from around Europe, and on this occasion signed two Austrians, both making their first starts on October 21 during a 0-0 draw against Cardiff City at Feethams.

By the end of the season left-back Resch had played 17 times and was released in the summer of '98, while striker Dorner made a bigger impact, scoring ten times in 27 appearances and stayed for the following campaign too.

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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which scientist invented and developed the television?
2. In musical terms, what does the instruction pizzicato mean to the musician?
3. Where will next year's wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle take place?
4. What is the capital city of Slovakia?
5. Which two spirits combine to make a cocktail a Buttock Clencher?
6. Which was the first Beatles' UK number one on the Apple label?
7. In which children's TV series did a woodpecker called Professor Yaffle appear?
8. Who is the famous father of actress Angelina Jolie?
9. Name either of the two South American countries that are landlocked.
10. Where in the body would you find rods and cones?
11. What is believed to be the fastest growing plant?

SECOND HALF – SPORT

12. Which of these Welsh football clubs lies the furthest north – Swansea City, Newport County or Cardiff City?
13. In which sport is the Vince Lombardi Trophy presented to the winning team?
14. What are the periods of play in a polo match called and how long does each last?
15. Which English Football League club play their home games at Highbury?
16. In the first Ashes Test (Nov 2017) which England player scored the most runs in the match?
17. Horse Racing: Which is the oldest race of the five English Classics?
18. In which year did the first London Marathon take place?
19. For which EFL club does former Quaker Michael Smith now play?
20. Who is the only person to have been World Champion in both motorcycling and Grand Prix Formula One?
21. In which Scandinavian country is a wife-carrying contest held each July?
22. Which other three countries will compete with England in Group G in the 2018 FIFA World Cup?

HOW DID YOU DO?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 49

POINTS SCORED

22 - 17	Well done! You're a born scorer and a real fox in the box
16 - 11	Flashes of brilliance on the ball but you lack consistency
10 - 6	Average performance – more work needed on the training ground
5 or less	Little awareness of football or, indeed, life in general. Have you considered a job at the FA?

by Simon Weatherill

Memory Match

Simon Weatherill continues his Memory Match series with our Lucky Losers FA Cup tie at Aston Villa on 11th December 1999.

The 1999/2000 FA Cup competition provided Darlington with a route into football history. Holders Manchester United decided not to enter that year's FA Cup as they were required in Brazil to play in the FIFA World Club Championship. This left the FA with 63 teams for the 3rd round draw, so they announced that one of the teams knocked out in round 2 would gain a reprieve to make up the numbers. Of the 20 balls that were placed in the hat, Darlington's ball number 14 was drawn out and the Quakers gained a unique place in FA Cup history as the competition's only ever "lucky losers". They were handed an away tie at Aston Villa.

The cup run had started with a 1st round home win, 2-1 over Southport. Steve Tutill and Marco Gabbiadini with a penalty scored the goals, but the game is probably best remembered for a man of the match performance by 17 year reserve goalkeeper Keith Finch, who replaced Andy Collett at half time. He made several superb saves to help the Quakers hang on to their victory. Their reward was a 2nd round trip to Priestfield to play Gillingham, where they were beaten 3-1, which should have ended their interest in the competition, but the draw for the lucky losers put them back in.

The tie would take place at Villa Park on December 11th. The third round had been moved from its traditional first Saturday in January slot, so that it wouldn't clash with FIFA's new club tournament.

The lead up to the cup tie saw the Quakers in a good run of form. They sat in third place in the Division 3 table, with 36 points from their 20 games so far. In their previous game they'd beaten Halifax 4-0, so confidence was high, but manager Dave Hodgson would have to make changes for the trip to Villa. Top scorer Gabbiadini would be missing through suspension, after being sent off at Southend. Gary Himsworth (rib) and Glenn Naylor (hamstring) would both miss the game through injury, as would Andy Collett, who still hadn't recovered from the injury received in the Southport game in round one. Lee Nogan replaced Gabbiadini up front and Mark Samways continued to deputise for Collett in goal. Villa, managed by John Gregory, were having a moderate season, sitting in 15th place in the Premiership with 19 points from 17 games, but their side boasted many international stars and household names. Their team to face the Quakers included David James, Gareth Southgate, Ugo Ehiogu, Gareth Barry, Paul Merson, Steve Stone, Dion Dublin and Benito Carbone amongst others. Steve Watson was missing through injury and Villa would also be without Lee Hendrie and George Boeteng because of suspension.

A crowd of 22,101 (including over 4,000 away fans) were at Villa Park for the game. They saw the Quakers more than match their illustrious opponents in the opening exchanges. In fact, it was the visitors who played most of the passing football, while the home side played a much more direct game, using top scorer Dion Dublin as a target man. The first real threat on goal came in the 18th minute when Ugo Ehiogu met an Alan Thompson corner, but his downward header was knocked off the line by Neil Aspin. Gareth Barry then had a header blocked by Mark Samways, and Dublin headed another Thompson corner just wide as Villa continued to threaten from crosses and corners. The Quakers hit back and could have taken the lead in the 29th minute. Neil Heaney cut in from the left wing and hit a right foot shot from 25 yards that David James saved, but couldn't hold. James then reacted brilliantly to block the follow up effort from Peter Duffield, somehow forcing the ball wide off his body. Dublin put another header just wide and Italian winger Benito Carbone fired a 30 yarder just past the post as Villa continued to press. It was Carbone who finally broke the deadlock in the 43rd minute with a route one goal. James' long clearance was flicked on by Dublin to Carbone, who chested the ball down and hit a superb dipping volley over Samways from 25 yards out. The Quakers hit back and very nearly equalised before half time when Michael Oliver picked out Duffield with a cross from the right, but his header was brilliantly saved by James, acrobatically pushing the ball round the post. Half time: Aston Villa 1 Darlington 0.

Villa began the second half well on top. Alan Thompson and Ian Taylor both went close with headers, then Taylor hit a shot on the turn that rattled against the post. The home side scored a deserved second on 63 minutes when Dublin headed home a Thompson corner. It nearly got even worse for the Quakers minutes later when Paul Merson fired in a shot from the edge of the box but Samways produced the save of the afternoon to tip it round the post. Slightly against the run of play, Darlington pulled a goal back in the 71st minute. Heaney found Duffield with a clever pass but as he raced into the box he was tripped by Barry for a clear penalty. Duffield stepped up to take the spot kick, James guessed correctly to make a superb block, but Paul Heckingbottom was the first to react and slotted the loose ball home into the opposite corner in front of the massed ranks of ecstatic travelling fans. The goal gave the Quakers fresh impetus and they charged forward looking for an equaliser. Villa were shell shocked and hanging on by the end. Duffield headed just over, Heckingbottom hit a left foot cracker that grazed the bar and then in the closing moments substitute Jesper Hjorth nearly forced a replay with a shot across goal that was inches wide. The Quakers couldn't find another goal though and the game finished Villa 2 Darlo 1. The "lucky losers" had done themselves proud and had pushed their Premiership opponents all the way.

Villa produced a 48-page programme, priced at £2. There were 4 pages covering the visiting side, packed with information and pen pictures. (Although the guy who put together the player pen pics seemed to think that Darlington were nicknamed the Shakers). The squad listings are on the back page.

Team v Aston Villa : 1 Mark Samways 2 Craig Liddle 3 Paul Heckingbottom 4 Martin Gray 5 Steve Tutill 6 Neil Aspin 7 Neil Heaney 8 Michael Oliver 9 Peter Duffield 10 Lee Nogan 11 Brian Atkinson Subs 12 Adam Reed (replaced Gray, 90 mins) 13 Keith Finch (not used) 14 Phil Brumwell (replaced Atkinson, 65 mins) 15 Jesper Hjorth (replaced Nogan, 68 mins) 16 John Leah (not used).

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Thanks, Nathan!

Nathan Cartman moved to Farsley Celtic last month, and we'd like to thank him for some great memories!

Nathan scores the winner in the dramatic 4-3 win at Salford

Nathan in typical celebration pose, this time at Scarborough

Nathan scores in the play off final against Bamber Bridge

Nathan scores the goal of the season against Tamworth

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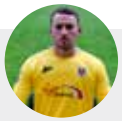

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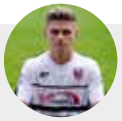

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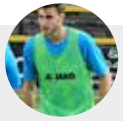

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DFCSG notes

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to our visitors this afternoon, Salford City. We've shared many memorable games with The Ammies over the past few seasons as we've risen up the leagues together. I doubt many will forget our double over them in the 2015/16 season on our way to winning the Evo-Stik Premier League title and of course our opening day win earlier this season. Let's hope for more of the same today.

Fundraising success – thank you

Since our last programme notes there have been some notable steps forward for our club. Most importantly on December 1st the £50,000 Raise the Roof target was achieved. We would like to thank everyone who pledged towards the community shares scheme, donated to the Ground Development fund and Sponsored a Seat. It was an amazing achievement to hit our target over four weeks ahead of schedule and once again a testament to our fans and members who continue to back our club so magnificently.

It's even more significant in the context of the £208,000 raised in total since April to redevelop the playing surface, boost the playing budget and to fund our new seated stand. Once the new stand is installed it will mean that Blackwell Meadows will match the ground grading required for promotion to the National League. We look forward to working with the Football Club to make the best use of these new facilities and improving the matchday experience for all our supporters.

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realistic plan, working with the Football Club board, on how we can continue to develop our infrastructure to underpin the future growth of our club.

DFCSG AGM & Board elections

Also since the last notes we have a new board elected to represent our members. I was honoured to be appointed the new Chair of DFCSG and pledge to do all I can to best represent our members and supporters' interests, working together with other board members and Darlington FC directors to continue to progress our club, both on and off the pitch.

We can be rightly proud of our achievements since 2012 but the work never stops and I believe by harnessing all the energy, skills and volunteering spirt amongst our membership we can continue to help move Darlington FC forward.

I'd like to congratulate and welcome the other new members to the board: David Collinge, Malcolm Cundick, Lee Kilcran and Tony Waters. John Bell and Andrew Matthews were also re-elected. Over the coming weeks and months we will be working very hard, in tandem with the Football Club, to professionalise our structure and working practices. We hope this will be reflected in progress off the field as we plan how to continue to grow our club and fulfil our supporters' ambitions.

The new board members, alongside the current members, bring a great range of skills and experience from finance to HR, engineering & architectural backgrounds. It'll be vital that we utilise their range of talents, allied with all our other volunteers to best support our club.

Sponsor a Seat

We hope in the very near future to open up our successful Sponsor a Seat scheme to all supporters. For a donation of £50 you can have your name plaque attached to your seat for the next three seasons. Once our new seating block (294 seats) is installed and covered it will be a chance for those who don't currently have a seat to sponsor one of the new seats. Furthermore, this will give you the right to use that seat for the remainder of the 2017/8 season in conjunction with your match / season ticket and then as a seated season ticket holder (subject to purchase) from 2018/9 onwards. If you simply want to sponsor a seat but still want to stand then that's fine too! Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis in the new stand so act quick and bag a great view. Keep an eye on the DFC website for when the scheme is launched.

Away Travel

DFCSG is running coaches to all away matches. The coaches leave from Park Place, Darlington and arrive at their destination around 90 minutes before kick-off.

Our next scheduled away trips are to Gainsborough Trinity on Saturday 23rd December, departing at 11am and Harrogate Town on New Year's Day, departing at 12.30pm. The fare to Gainsborough is £20 and £10 to Harrogate Town but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS

In home games last season, there were incidents involving a flare, some coin throwing and fans encroaching on to the field of play. Accordingly, we have been requested to remind fans about our ground regulations.

These regrettable incidents are contrary to our ground regulations, as published on our official website on 12th October last year, and again last week.

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

"The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, fireworks or any other pyrotechnics, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, any articles that are prohibited by the Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to (or ejected from) the Ground."

And

"Under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (as amended) the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended): The list is non-exhaustive.

"The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;

"The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse."

We should be very clear. Those responsible for such incidents simply do not care about our club, our reputation or the safety of our fans and we do not want them at our matches. The club will work with the stewards and police to ensure that these matters are addressed and the individuals will be banned from future matches.

Ensuring the safety of our supporters and staff is always of paramount importance to Darlington FC 1883. If such behaviour was to continue, the reality is it would only be a matter of time before serious injury is caused and the club in turn would be punished by the league and/or the FA. We will not allow safety to be compromised of the well-behaved and sensible majority by the actions of a tiny minority.

We would also like to draw attention to the possession of pyrotechnics

As a member Club participating in The National League we have been directed to take the strongest action available against anyone found in possession of a Flare, Smoke Bomb or any other such pyrotechnic article(s).

Spectators are warned that we and The National League apply a zero tolerance approach to anyone attempting to bring such article(s) into our Ground/ Stadium.

Due to their chemical make-up, a Flare, Smoke Bomb and all such pyrotechnic article(s) can be highly toxic for some people. This can lead to serious health consequences for those with pre-existing medical conditions and may in certain circumstances cause life-threatening injury or concern.

In order to protect you, the spectator, we reserve the right to search your person and/or effects and we further reserve the right to pursue legal action, civil or criminal, against any person who contravenes current legislation or our Ground/ Stadium regulations.

To further safeguard all who attend any event at this Ground/ Stadium, we welcome the receipt of any information which will assist us to deter, apprehend/detain and where appropriate prosecute, anyone in possession of; or found discharging or being a party to the discharge of, such an article(s).

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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's match against Salford City. Let's get behind the lads today and spur them on to a much needed win. Come on Darlo!

Christmas

As this is the last programme before Christmas on behalf of everyone at Quaker Retail we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has shopped with us at the Dolphin Centre, Blackwell Meadows and online it's always lovely to see and hear from you all. Hope Santa brings you everything you would like and today three points would be a nice early Christmas present for us all.

Opening Hours

As you know we are open Monday to Friday in the Dolphin Centre 10am – 1pm and we will also be open on Sunday 10th December and Sunday 17th December from 11am- 2pm for those last minute gifts. We also have mini season tickets available to buy which make a great Christmas present and York tickets to sell for the match on the 6th January.

For those fans who order online the last posting date to ensure Christmas Delivery is Tuesday 19th December. However, if it is a leisurewear order then I would need your orders please by Tuesday 12th December to give Avec time to process them before delivering on the 19th December.

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Calendars

A must have for every Darlington fan is our 2018 Calendar. Featuring all of your favourite players and priced at £10 it makes a great Christmas gift for friends, family or yourself! Come and pick yours up today.

Australian Friend Diane Lambey

Diane Lambey who lives in Australia ordered three home shirts for her three sons. We have exchanged a few emails and this is what Dianne had to say about her sons.

"Mark 50 on the left, Philip 49 (on the 27th) and Colin 46. They last saw a Darlington game together when they were 14, 13 and 11. All three went to Gurney Pease school then the two younger to St.Johns for a while and Eastbourne Secondary. Colin only did one term at Eastbourne as we emigrated in January 1983. All three still follow Darlington via internet etc and locally Melbourne Victory (we have to call it soccer over here because "football" is always taken to mean Aussie Rules)."

Thanks for that Diane it's lovely to hear from you and a programme is on its way to you in Australia.

Well that's all from me, see you all again soon.

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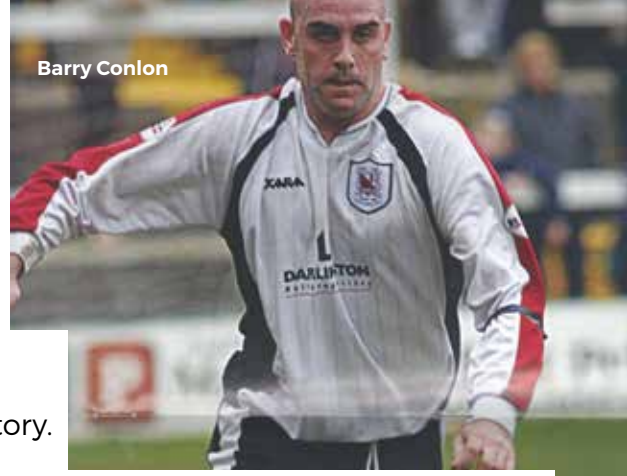
Barry Conlon

In this series, we look back at Darlington matches on the corresponding day in our history.

December 6th 2003

League Two

Darlington 3 York City 0, attendance 4111

Quakers had just gone into administration a few weeks before, and were second from bottom of the table. David Hodgson had just returned to the club as manager and had started rebuilding the team, and we needed a lift.

We'd drawn our previous home game against Scunthorpe 2-2, but we played our best yet to grab the three points and lift us up to fourth from bottom above York. Two of Darlo's favourite players scored in the first 35 minutes – Barry Conlon and Neil Wainwright – with Craig James adding the third in the second half.

Team: Price, Valentine, Hutchinson, Liddle, James, Clark, Maddison (sub Coghlan 84), Wainwright (sub Alexander 87), Nicholls (sub Convery 89), Clarke, Conlon.

Subs not used: Norton, Pearson.

December 16th 2005

League Two

Stockport County 0 Darlington 3, attendance 3502

We'd had a run of five games without a win going into this encounter at Edgeley Park, plus a defeat in an FA Cup tie at Barnsley, and we'd dropped down to 16th in the table.

Carlos Logan put us into the lead after 26 minutes, and in the last ten minutes Guy Ndumbu-Nsungu and Akpo Sodje added further goals.

There was some rivalry between the managers as well. David Hodgson was in charge of the Darlo side, and former Hartlepool boss Chris Turner was the Stockport boss.

Team: Bossu, Valentine, Kendrick, Clarke, Hutchinson, Stamp (sub Sodje 66), Dickman (sub Webster 89), Keltie, Logan (sub Wainwright 54), Ndumbu-Nsungu, Johnson

Subs not used: Close, Appleby

December 4th 2007

League Two

Grimsby 0 Darlington 4 , Attendance 3,057

A useful quiz question came out of this game. Which Darlo player scored on a ground that included his surname in its name?

The answer: Greg Blundell who scored at Blundell Park, the home of Grimsby Town in this one-sided 4-0 win that put Quakers in second place in the League Two table, and dreaming of promotion.

We were in very good shape going into the game, with three straight league wins over Shrewsbury, Brentford and Wycombe, and once Alan White put Quakers in front after just three minutes, Quakers were well on top.

Blundell then made it 2-0 on 25 minutes, with Richie Foran and Micky Cummins making it 4-0 in the last minute.

We also won our next match by the same scoreline at Lincoln City.

Team: Stockdale, Austin, Foster, White, Purdie, Cummins, Joachim, Foran (sub Colbeck), Ravenhill (sub Ridley) , Wright, Blundell (sub Abbott)

Thanks to club historian Frank Tweddle for his help in putting this series together.

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QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. John Logie Baird 2. The string must be plucked 3. Windsor Castle 4. Bratislava 5. Tequila & gin 6. Hey Jude 7. Bagpuss 8. Jon Voight 9. Bolivia or Paraguay 10. In your eyes 11. Bamboo

SECOND HALF -SPORT 12. Swansea City 13. American Football (The Superbowl Trophy) 14. Chukkas/7 mins 15. Fleetwood Town 16. James Vince (85 runs) 17. St Leger 18. 1981 19. Bury 20. John Surtees 21. Finland 22. Belgium, Tunisia & Panama

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Season's Stats

VANARAMA LEAGUE

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH 2017-18

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	**Salford City**	**20**	**16**	**2**	**2**	**36**	**14**	**50**	**+22**
2	Harrogate Town	20	12	5	3	50	25	41	+24
3	Brackley	20	12	5	3	38	17	41	+21
4	Blyth Spartans	20	12	0	8	46	34	36	+12
5	Spennymoor Town	18	10	4	4	35	23	34	+8
6	Bradford PA	20	9	5	6	30	23	32	+7
7	Kidderminster	20	8	7	5	36	28	31	+8
8	Chorley	19	8	6	5	23	18	30	+5
9	York City	20	8	5	7	34	29	29	+5
10	Tamworth	20	8	4	8	31	32	28	-1
11	Stockport County	20	7	5	8	38	30	26	+8
12	AFC Telford United	19	8	1	10	28	33	25	-5
13	Curzon Ashton	20	6	7	7	26	32	25	-6
14	Alfreton Town	20	7	2	11	32	35	23	-3
15	FC United	20	7	2	11	31	39	23	-8
16	**Darlington**	**20**	**5**	**7**	**8**	**25**	**29**	**22**	**-4**
17	Leamington	20	6	4	10	26	33	22	-7
18	Southport	20	5	7	8	27	42	22	-15
19	Gainsborough Trinity	19	6	3	10	25	36	21	-11
20	Nuneaton Town	20	5	5	10	27	35	20	-8
21	Boston United	20	5	4	11	26	37	19	-11
22	North Ferriby	20	1	4	15	9	50	7	-41

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	17	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	12	0	1	0	1	0	53	0	3	1	19	0
Gary Brown	7	0	1	0	1	0	159	3	12	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	3	1	0	0	0	72	5	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	9	1	0	0	1	0	87	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	11	5	1	1	1	0	11	5	1	1	1	0
Dominic Collins	20	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	13	0	1	0	4	0	29	1	1	0	5	0
Terry Galbraith	19	0	2	0	3	0	186	14	16	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	18	1	1	1	5	0	47	9	3	1	15	0
Josh Heaton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	10	1	1	0	0	0	39	3	4	0	0	0
Greg Mills	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tom Portas	9	3	1	0	0	0	87	17	8	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	3	14	0	1	1	0	3	25	0	1	3	0
Leon Scott	6	7	0	0	0	0	161	36	14	1	20	0
Reece Styche	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
David Syers	11	4	2	0	4	0	30	13	3	1	12	0
Stephen Thompson	14	3	1	0	0	0	208	12	15	3	68	6
Phil Turnbull	19	0	2	0	0	0	99	1	4	1	1	0
Luke Trotman	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	5	5	1	0	1	0	5	5	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
own goals	0	0	0	0	2	0						

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017/18

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2017			VERSUS		R	S	ATT																
Sat	Aug	5th	Salford	A	3.00	2-0	1777	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	**Ferg'n 2**	Scott	Saund's	Marrs	Fen'ick	Wil'ski
Wed	Aug	9th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	7.45	4-3	1682	Bartlett	Hunter	**Galb'th**	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	**Gillies**	**Syers**	**Beck**	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Fen'ick	Wil'ski	Thomp'n
Sat	Aug	12th	Alfreton	H	3.00	4-1	1547	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	**Gillies2**	Syers	Beck	**Caton**	**Ferg'n**	Scott	Fen'ick	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Tues	Aug	15th	York City	A	7.45	0-0	3944	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Thomp'n	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat	Aug	19th	AFC Telford United	H	3.00	0-1	1532	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat	Aug	26th	North Ferriby	A	3.00	1-1	479	Wil'ski	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	**Gillies**	Portas	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Marrs	Wheat'y	Saund's	Fen'ick	Bell
Mon	Aug	28th	Spennymoor Town	H	7.45	1-1	2070	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	**Brown**	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Portas	Caton	Wheat'y	Wil'ski
Sat	Sept	2nd	Southport	A	3.00	0-2	1059	Bartlett	Burgess	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Portas	Saund's	Scott	Wil'ski
Tues	Sept	5th	Chorley	A	7.45	1-4	1011	Bartlett	Marrs	Burgess	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Scott	Ferg'n	Syers	**Saund's**	Caton	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat	Sept	9th	Leamington	H	3.00	0-0	1277	Bartlett	Portas	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Vaulks	Saund's	Thomp'n	Wil'ski
Wed	Sept	13th	FC United of Manchester	H	7.45	3-0	1178	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Burgess	Gillies	**Wheat'y**	Beck	**Cartm'n**	**Ferg'n**	Vaulks	Syers	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Sat	Sept	16th	South Shields, FA Cup 2Q	H	3.00	0-3	1814	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Burgess	Wheat'y	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat	Sept	23rd	Boston United	A	3.00	1-1	1051	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Dawson	**Thomp'n**	Cartman	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Vaulks	Wil'ski	Gillies
Sat	Sept	30th	Curzon Ashton	A	3.00	0-1	292	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Gillies	Dawson	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Saund's	Portas	Cartman	Wil'ski	
Sat	Oct	7th	Stockport County	H	3.00	1-1	1758	Bartlett	Marrs	**Galb'th**	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Dawson	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Vaulks	Syers
Sat	Oct	14th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-2	764	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Burgess	Wheat'y	**Syers**	Wil'ski	Dawson
Sat	Oct	21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H	3.00	2-1	1312	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	**Gillies**	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Burgess
Sat	Oct	28th	Blyth Spartans	A	3.00	1-3	1554	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	**Syers**	Burgess	Caton	Saund's	Wil'ski	Wheat'y
Sat	Nov	4th	Brackley Town	H	3.00	0-3	1267	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Caton	Burgess	Saund's	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Syers
Sat	Nov	11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	3-3	1879	Wil'ski	Heaton	**Galb'th**	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Wheat'y	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Gillies	Caton	**Syers**	Marrs	Scott
Sat	Nov	18th	Tamworth	H	3.00	0-1	1246	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Wheat'y	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Mills	Caton	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Scott	Bancroft	Portas	Heaton
Fri	Nov	24th	Harrogate Town FA Trophy 3q	H	7.45	2-3	1127	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Portas	**Styche2**	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Vaulks		
Sat	Dec	9th	Salford City	H																			
Sat	Dec	23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A																			
Tues	Dec	26th	Harrogate Town	H																			
Mon	Jan	1st	Harrogate Town	A																			
Sat	Jan	6th	York City	H																			
Sat	Jan	13th	Alfreton (also FA Trophy 2r)	A																			
Sat	Jan	20th	Chorley	H																			
Sat	Jan	27th	Leamington	A																			
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Sat	Feb	10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
Sat	Feb	17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat	Feb	24th	Kidderminster Harriers (also FA Trophy 4r)	H																			
Sat	Mar	3rd	Tamworth	A																			
Sat	Mar	10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
Sat	Mar	17th	North Ferriby(also FA Trophy semi final first leg)	H																			
Sat	Mar	24th	AFC Telford United (also FA Trophy semi final second leg)	A																			
Sat	Mar	31st	Southport	H																			
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Sat	Apr	7th	Boston United	H																			
Sat	Apr	14th	FC United of Manchester	A																			
Sat	Apr	21st	Nuneaton Town	H																			
Sat	Apr	28th	Stockport County	A																			
Wed	May	2nd	play off qualifying round																				
Sun	May	6th	play off semi final																				
Sat	May	12th	play off final																				

SEASON'S STATS

Yellow Card
Red Card

Scorers Names in **BOLD**. Coloured names are players who featured in substitutions. (Players involved have matching colours)

Last match

V Harrogate lost 2-3

We'd like to thank the following shops and pubs for putting up Darlington FC fixture posters

Green Dragon
Tanners
Hole in wall
Boot and shoe
Pennyweight
Quays
Berties
Red lion
The George
Brittania
Half Moon
Railway Tavern
Alliance Cafe
Harrowgate
Hill shop
Vapemaster
Terry Andrews butchers
Laundrette
Salisbury tc
Glad News
Jigsaw
Turks Head
Lavas Barbers
Art shop
Beeswing inn
E.cowton shop
Greenbank hotel
Fry days
Paws and claws.
Three Squares Café
Coniscliffe News
Brian's Hairdressers
Sweeny's Barbers
Quaker House
J&G Deli
Mulholland&Son Butchers
Craig Shields Fruit & Veg
The Diner
Robin Blair Fruit & Veg
Shanie's Barbers (under covered market)
Cockerton Village Shops
Alderson Butchers
Cockerton Fisheries
Co Op
Village Opticians
Travellers Rest
Cockerton Library
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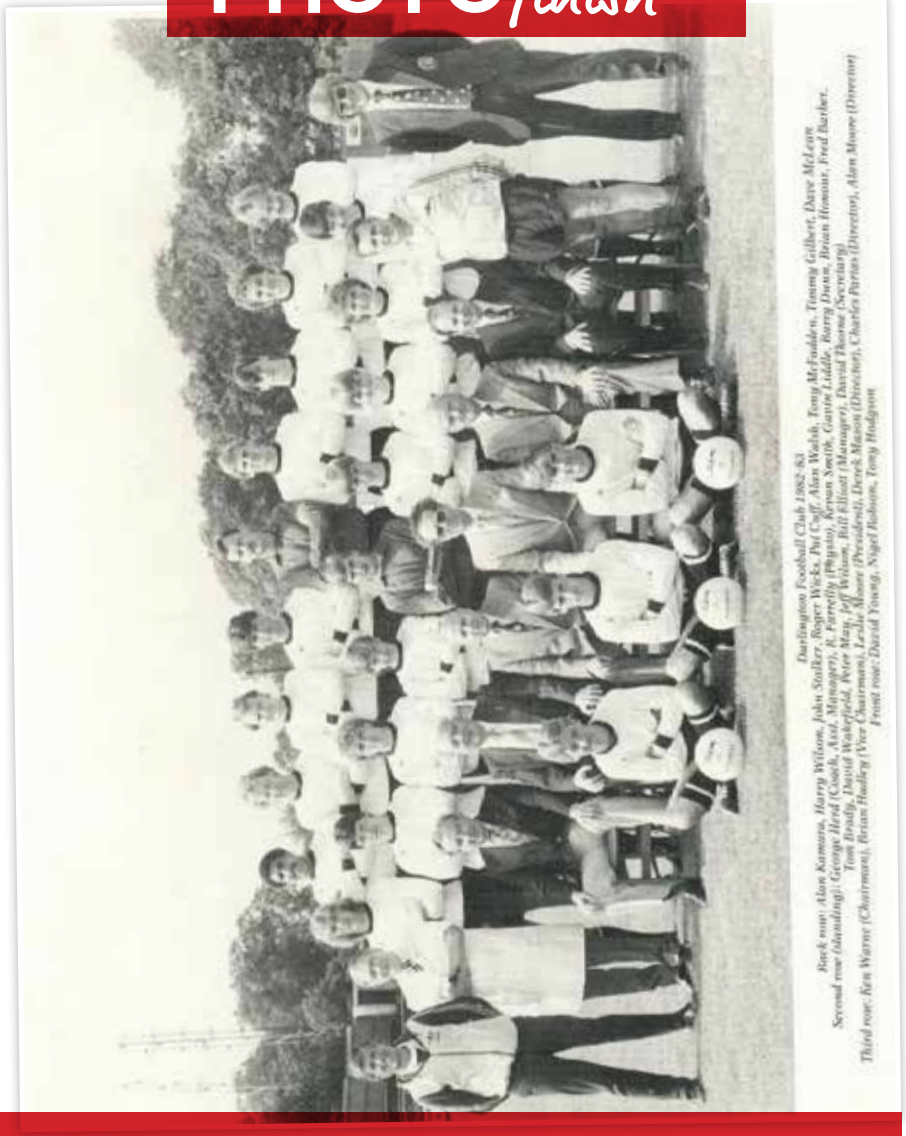

Darlington Football Club 1982-83

Back row: Alan Kamara, Harry Wilson, John Stalker, Roger Wicks, Pat Cuff, Alan Walsh, Tony McFadden, Tommy Gilbert, Dave McLean.
Second row (standing): George Herd (Coach, Asst. Manager), R. Farrelly (Physio), Kevan Smith, Gavin Liddle, Barry Dunn, Brian Honour, Fred Barber.
Front Row: Tom Brady, David Wakefield, Peter May, Jeff Wilson, Bill Elliott (Manager), David Thorne (Secretary)
Third row: Ken Warne (Chairman), Brian Hedley (Vice Chairman), Leslie Moore (President), Derek Mason (Director), Charles Parkes (Director), Alan Moore (Director)
Front row: David Young, Nigel Robson, Tony Hodgson

SEASON 82-83 STARTED WITH A BANG BUT ENDED WITH DARLINGTON ON FAMILIAR TERRITORY – IN THE LOWER HALF OF THE DIVISION FOUR TABLE.
THREE VICTORIES FROM FOUR IN QUAKERS' OPENING FIXTURES CAME AGAINST ROCHDALE, CREWE AND HEREFORD, BUT SOON CAME AN EIGHT-GAME WINLESS RUN FOR BILLY ELLIOTT'S MEN.
THERE WAS A 6-1 WIN AT ALDERSHOT IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON, AND THE GOALS OF ALAN WALSH PROVIDED ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS, HE ENDED THE SEASON WITH 18, BUT IT WOULD PROVE ELLIOTT'S LAST YEAR IN COMMAND AS HE WAS REPLACED BY CYRIL KNOWLES IN THE SUMMER OF '83.

Virgin trains

>TODAY'S TEAMS

DARLINGTON

ED WILCZYNSKI	
LIAM MARRS	
CHRIS HUNTER	
DOMINIC COLLINS	
KEVIN BURGESS	
GARY BROWN	
TERRY GALBRAITH	
TOM PORTAS	
LEON SCOTT	
PHIL TURNBULL	
DAVID SYERS	
JAMES CATON	
REECE STYCHE	
JOSH GILLIES	
STEPHEN THOMPSON	
HARVEY SAUNDERS	
JOE WHEATLEY	
JACK VAULKS	
JOSH HEATON	
GREG MILLS	
LUKE TROTMAN	
MATT BANCROFT	

SALFORD CITY

MAX CROCOMBE	
TONY AGHAYERE	
CALLUM BURTON	
JOSH ASKEW	
IBOU TOURAY	
LIAM HOGAN	
DANNY LIVESEY	
CARL PIERGIANNI	
MICHAEL NOTTINGHAM	
DOMINIC MCHALE	
RICHIE ALLEN	
SCOTT BURTON	
GUS MAFUTA	
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MANI DIESERUVWE	
JAKE BEESLEY	

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> Match officials:

Referee: Rebecca Welsh

Assistant referees: Scott Taylor and Steven Lennon

> Next home matches:

Boxing Day, Tuesday December 26th
Harrogate Town, kick off 3pm

Saturday 6th January 2018
York City, kick off 3pm (all ticket)

> Next away matches:

Saturday 23rd December
Gainsborough Trinity, kick off 3pm

New Year's Day, 2018
Harrogate Town, kick off 3pm

> Today's other games:

AFC Telford United v York City, Blyth v Alfreton, Boston United v Southport, Bradford PA v Tamworth, Chorley v Kidderminster Harriers, FC United of Manchester v Brackley, Leamington v Gainsborough, North Ferriby v Curzon Ashton, Nuneaton v Harrogate Town, Stockport County v Spennymoor Town

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