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# Welcome to a **new era** at Darlington FC

Good afternoon, and welcome to a new era at Darlington Football Club.

It's been a very eventful week at Darlington FC following Martin Gray's resignation, with all sorts going on which has meant a lot of hard work, several meetings and long hours for many people behind the scenes at the club.

Martin did a fantastic job for this club, helping us win three promotions that have lifted us from the Northern League to the National League North, and for that we must always be grateful. We will always have some great memories of the last five years.

But now is the start of a new era for the club, and we must now forget the past and concentrate on the future by supporting the lads today. This is the kind of day that we've all experienced in the past at Darlo, when we've had a bit of a tumble, and everybody recognises the need to support the players on the field.

You are probably aware that we have joined forces with Non League Day and Prostate Cancer UK this afternoon. Non League Day is an annual occasion, on which fans of Premiership and Championship clubs are encouraged to go to a non league game instead, and Non League Day has linked up with the charity Prostate Cancer UK.

There are representatives from Prostate Cancer UK at the game today, and they will be situated next to the DFCSG table in the bar, and they will also be circulating leaflets around the ground.

There will also be a bucket collection for the charity, and Prostate Cancer UK badges will be available to purchase.

You may remember that Jeff Stelling from Sky Sports walked the length and breadth of the country last summer in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, and he started his penultimate leg from Darlington on his way to Hartlepool.

If you're a season ticket holder from a Premiership or Championship club who has taken advantage of our discount admission offer and are visiting us on your "day off" then welcome to Blackwell Meadows. We're sure that you'll have an experience that you will remember for the right reasons.

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# Building the future together



>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

## Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Blackwell Meadows for today's game.

This has been an extremely difficult week for the club following last weekend's defeat to Curzon. Martin called me early on Sunday morning requesting a meeting and made it clear that he wished to resign from his position as manager with immediate effect. He believed that he had taken the club as far as he could given the current structure and funding, and once his mind was made up, we had little option but to accept his resignation. At this point, I would like to put on record our thanks to Martin for his loyalty and service over the past five years and wish him luck in the future. A compensation package has been agreed with York City whom Martin has subsequently joined.

It is clear, following Martin's departure, that there are potential conflicts of interest between DFC and the Martin Gray Football Academy which was established prior to him joining the football club. The MGFA operates in 48 schools across the region involving over 4,000 children and has staff employed directly and indirectly to supply coaching services. Some of these staff are also employed directly or indirectly by DFC and as such a potential conflict of interest now exists. After seeking advice, it is the Board's view that all of the current links to MGFA must now be reviewed over the coming days. We now have the opportunity to review the correct operating structure that benefits us as a club.

We have a number of choices:

- Establish our own academy.
- Negotiate a professional commercial agreement with an external provider such as MGFA to provide an academy service.
- Decide to operate without an Academy until the League requirements dictate.

These options will be discussed by the Board in conjunction with the DFCSG and we will keep you informed as to progress. Personally speaking, I think that separation is in the best interests of DFC and gives us the opportunity to structure correctly for the future.

This however is the nature of football: managers and staff come and go but the club will always remain bigger than any individual. We have had a disappointing start to the season following an excellent opening four games in which we picked up ten points from a possible twelve. During this period, the starting eleven players remained the same and that consistency enabled us to perform at the level we expect. Injuries have however blighted our season to date, but we are seeing players return to the first team squad and we are looking at shaping the squad for the remainder of this season. The play-offs remain a key target for us to achieve.

The issue of club structure and funding remains a key challenge for Darlington FC. As a fan owned club, external investment is difficult without a

change to the current Articles of Association. Any private individual investing into the club will naturally want a say in how the club is run and this remains the dichotomy for the Board. It is quite clear that the clubs with private backing have a clear advantage over Darlington at the current moment, several of them operating with full time playing staff. The Board will however discuss the different options around investment with the Darlington FC Supporters Group to determine whether there is a viable model to take the club to the next level. Whilst this is ongoing, we will continue our discussions with external stakeholders that have been underway since the start of the season. I appreciate that this is taking a significant amount of time but there are issues beyond the club's control that dictate timescales and need to be worked through. Your patience is appreciated.

Finally onto today's game and we welcome the Directors, players and fans from Stockport to Blackwell Meadows and wish them a safe journey home following the game. This should be a competitive affair between 2 sides with great history and heritage.

Please get behind the team and give your support to the players as we look forward the remainder of the season.

Enjoy the game

David

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

## Stockport County



### KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Established in 1883 as Heaton Norris Rovers, before 1890 their name was changed to Stockport County
- Gained admittance to the Football League in 1900 and returned after spending one year outside in 1905.
- Twice won the Third Division North in 1922 and 1937, and in 1923, finished above Manchester United in the second division.
- Appeared at Wembley four times in two years in the 90's, twice in playoff finals and twice in the Football League Trophy, but they lost on each occasion.
- Reached the semi finals of the League Cup in 1997, losing to Middlesbrough 2-1 on aggregate.
- Achieved their highest ever league placing in 1998 - eighth place in the Championship.
- Played in the old First Division, now Championship as recently as the 2001/2002 season. They were higher than neighbours Manchester City at one point.
- Relegated out of Football League for first time in over 100 years in 2011.
- Have competed in National North since 2013/14 season

### LAST SIX MATCHES

03/10/2017 FC United of Manchester (A) FA Cup lost 1-0  
 30/09/2017 FC United of Manchester (H) Drew 3-3 FA Cup  
 23/09/2017 North Ferriby United (H) Won 4-1  
 16/09/2017 Curzon Ashton (H) Won 1-0 FA Cup  
 12/09/2017 AFC Telford United (A) Lost 3-2  
 09/09/2017 York City (A) Lost 2-0

### LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National League North Position 8th Points 73  
 2015/16 National League North Position 9th Points 59

2014/15 National League North Position 11th Points 57  
 2013/14 National League North Position 14th Points 50  
 2012/13 National League Premier Position 21st Points 50 (Relegated)  
 2011/12 National League North Position 16th Points 51

### LAST TWO MATCHES:

FC United of Manchester 1 Stockport 0 FA Cup third qualifying round replay  
 Stockport lost to a 48th minute goal by Tom Greaves, even though FC United were down to nine men for all the second half, after Connor and Hughes were both sent off.

Team: Hinchliffe, Cowan, Hampson, Ball, Smalley (sub Brazel 73), O'Halloran, Thomas, Winter (sub McKenna 68), Dixon, Stopforth, S Walker.

Subs: Downing, Ormson, West, Whitty, Czubik.

Stockport 3 FC United of Manchester 3 FA Cup 3rd qualifying round

Stockport allowed a three goal half time lead to slip, and so ended up in a replay at FC United on Tuesday. Matty Warburton took advantage of a mistake and put them ahead on 19 minutes, and he fired the second on 31 minutes. It was 3-0 on 41 minutes when Jason Oswell volleyed in a left wing cross.

But FC United hit back in the second half to earn a replay, with Stockport's Scott Duxbury being stretchered off in the process.

Team: Hinchliffe, Cowan, Duxbury (Hampson, 68), Ball, Smalley, O'Halloran, Thomas, S Walker, Oswell (Winter 46), Stopforth, Warburton (Dixon, 78).

Unused Subs: Ormson, Clarke, McKenna, Czubik.

### PLAYERS/MANAGER

Manager: Jim Gannon

Goalkeepers: Ben Hinchliffe, Ian Ormson

Defenders: Michael Clarke, Dan Cowan, Scott Duxbury, Connor Hampson, Sam Minihan, Stephen O'Halloran, Chris Smalley

Midfielders: Sam Walker, Harry Winter, Jimmy Ball, Ben McKenna, Darren

Stephenson, Adam Thomas, Bohan Dixon, Tom Walker

Forwards: Jason Oswell, Matty Warburton

### Jim Gannon

As a player centre back Gannon made the majority of his total 450 career appearances for County. For the club he played just shy of 400 times scoring over 50 times.

After starting his managerial career with Dundalk in

2004 he returned to manage Stockport a year later. He took over the club nine points adrift at the bottom of League Two and facing relegation. However, he was able to turn their fortunes around as they drew against Carlisle on the final day to secure safety. Just two seasons later he led the club to promotion from League Two via a playoff final win over Rochdale, the year we lost at Spotland in a playoff semi-final.

However, he was made redundant just twelve months later as County went into administration.

After spells at Motherwell, Peterborough and Port Vale he returned to Edgeley Park in 2011 but amongst financial troubles only stayed in the job for just over a year. His third spell at Stockport started in January 2016, with the club now in the National North, his two seasons back in charge of the club have seen them finish





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

in ninth and eighth just missing out on the playoffs.

### Jason OSWELL



Jason joined County in the summer of 2017 after winning the Golden Boot in the Welsh Premier League, scoring 22 goals for Newtown. He was Player of the Year for the Welsh outfit and also has European experience from his time in the principality, scoring twice in the Europa League. Born in Northwich, Jason started his career at Crewe Alexandra before heading north to play under Terry Butcher at Inverness in the Scottish Premier League. After a brief spell in Australia, he joined Rhyl and then Airbus before making his name in Wales with Newtown.

### Sam WALKER

Cultured midfielder Sam joined the Hatters from Salford City in June 2017 on a two-year deal. He has enjoyed a glittering non-league career including back-to-back promotions at Curzon Ashton and an FA Trophy victory at Wembley during his time at Halifax. Sam started as a youngster at Oldham before joining Woodley Sports, but his career took off during four years at

Curzon Ashton: 41 goals, more than 200 appearances and captaining the side to successive promotions, prompting a move to Halifax. Following an FA Trophy victory over Grimsby. The left-footed playmaker is also lethal from set pieces.

### Ben HINCHLIFFE



Ben kept 17 clean sheets last season, the best record for a County keeper in more than two decades. He joined the Hatters in May 2016 after four very successful years with AFC Fylde, including four successive Play-Off campaigns and being named in the Divisional Team of the Year every season. He started his career under Billy Davies at Preston North End before following Davies to Derby County. He enjoyed a spell at Oxford United then moved back to Lancashire to play for Bamber Bridge before joining former County striker Andy Preece at Northwich Victoria, replacing James Spencer as Vic's number one. Six-foot-one Ben, a full-time lorry driver, will forever be a hero to the Fylde fans, having scored the winning spot-kick in the 2014 Play-Off final penalty shootout against Ashton United which catapulted the Coasters into the Conference North. He also scored a 60-yard wonder goal in the 2013 Play-Off

## Stockport County

### HARRY WINTER



semi-final, which won Fylde's Goal of the Season award.

### 17/18 STATS

Have struggled away from home, losing five of six league games

They are unbeaten at home in six league games

Have scored 16 times at home but just seven away

Top scorer leads the way in the division Jason Oswell with 11 goals

### LAST SEASON

In the 2016/17 season Stockport started off impressively and were top of the pile after two games. However, for the rest of the

season they were between eleventh and fifth in the table. A narrow win at Curzon Ashton started a good run which also saw County beat Salford City and Chorley, but during the first half of the season they struggled to find any consistency.

From the start of December they were able to do this going on a quite remarkable run which saw they only lose once in the league until the end of the season, a 2-0 loss at Kidderminster Harriers. Despite this they drew the majority of games, including seven of the last eleven. On the final day of the season they needed to win at home to mid table Gloucester to secure a playoff place, but were held to a 1-1 draw, as Chorley pipped them to sixth.



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## Last time we met



Team: Jameson, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Thompson (sub Ferguson 73), Scott (Syers 79), Beck, Cartman, Gillies (sub Falkingham 45)

Subs: Wilczynski, Walker

Booking: Scott, Burgess, Ferguson

> 21ST JANUARY 2017

Stockport County 3 Darlington 3

Darlington came from behind three times to earn a point in a pulsating match at Edgeley Park.

The game was just like the old days when the two clubs faced each other in the Football League, with a blood and thunder game played at a fast tempo.

Both sides had half chances before Stockport took the lead on 24 minutes, when Elliot Osborne delivered a perfect cross from the right and Adam Lloyd headed in off the post into the net.

But Quakers levelled on 33 minutes. Mark Beck was fouled about 30 yards out and Josh Gillies curled the free kick over everyone into the net for his ninth goal of the season.

Stockport regained the lead on 36 minutes when Lloyd curled a right wing corner into the near post, but Jameson, under pressure, couldn't keep it out.

Lloyd was on for his hat trick when he skipped past two defenders, but Jameson saved at his feet, and from the keeper's clearance, the ball was helped on for Stephen Thompson to coolly control, and hit a right foot shot across the keeper into the net.

The game's tempo was slower in the second half, with Quakers stopping Stockport from attacking more in midfield.

Quakers missed chances through Leon Scott and Thompson, but they fell behind on 72 minutes when sub Jimmy Ball forced the ball home from a right wing corner.

But Quakers nearly levelled again when Mark Beck got away, but Ben Hinchliffe tipped his shot over the bar.

However, they levelled for the third time on 86 minutes. Half time sub Josh Falkingham and Phil Turnbull opened up the space nicely for Syers to cross from the right for Beck to head in.

Stockport nearly won it in the last minute, when Ball struck the underside of the bar from twelve yards out.

**The clubs have met 117 times in the past, in various competitions: Division Three North, Division Four, Division Three, National League Premier and National League North.**

**Quakers have won 34 of those, with 26 drawn while Stockport have won 57.**

# STOCKPORT COUNTY

## THE UNLIKELY LADS



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten big-name Stockport County players not usually associated with the club

### > DAVID HERD

Centre-forward David Herd was capped five times by Scotland after leaving Stockport County. He played alongside his father Alec at Stockport, netting six goals in 15 League games, before moving to Arsenal for £10,000 in August 1954. Starring as they finished third in the top-flight in 1958-59, he was leading scorer in four successive seasons prior to joining Manchester United for £35,000 in July 1961. He netted twice in their 1963 FA Cup final triumph, also featuring in two League Championship successes. Later with Stoke City and Waterford, he managed Lincoln City, then owned two garages in Manchester until April 1999.

### > KEVIN KEELAN

Goalkeeper Kevin Keelan played for Stockport County at the end of the 1960-61 season. Born in Calcutta, he grew up in Kidderminster and turned professional with Aston Villa in July 1958. He joined Stockport in April 1961 and made three League appearances before moving via Kidderminster Harriers to Wrexham in November 1961. Joining Norwich City in July

1963, he was a key figure as they twice won promotion to the top-flight and played in two League Cup finals. He made in excess of 600 League appearances overall and was awarded the MBE prior to joining Tampa Bay Rowdies in May 1981, since settling in Florida.

### > ALBERT QUIXALL

Former England international inside-forward was capped five times before joining Stockport County. Signing professional for Sheffield Wednesday in August 1950, he starred as they twice won the Second Division title, moving to Manchester United for a record £45,000 in September 1958. He featured in their 1963 FA Cup final triumph and joined Oldham Athletic in September 1964. Moving to Stockport in July 1966, he helped win the Fourth Division title in 1966-67, making 13 League appearances while at Edgeley Park. He later played for Altrincham and was a scrap metal dealer in Manchester until his retirement.

### > WYN DAVIES

Former Welsh international striker Wyn Davies was capped 34 times before joining Stockport County. He

impressed with Caernarvon prior to joining Wrexham in December 1959 and featured in their 1961-62 promotion campaign. Moving to Bolton Wanderers in March 1962, he joined Newcastle United in October 1966 and starred in their 1969 Fairs Cup final triumph. He had spells with Manchester City, Manchester United and Blackpool prior to joining Stockport in August 1975. Netting seven goals in 30 League games, he later played for Arcadia Shepherds, Crewe Alexandra and Bangor City, becoming a baker in Bolton.

### > GEORGE BEST

Former Northern Ireland international George Best had a loan spell at Stockport County in 1975-76. He starred as Manchester United were League Champions in 1963-64 and 1966-67, then won the European Cup in 1968, when voted 'Footballer of the Year' and European 'Player of the Year', but a rift developed between club and player after Matt Busby retired. Loaned to Stockport in November 1975, he scored twice in three League games. He later played for Fulham, Hibernian, several clubs in the United States and AFC Bournemouth, then worked

in the media and corporate hospitality until his death in November 2005.

### > CHRIS LAWLER



Former England international right-back Chris Lawler played for Stockport County during the 1977-78.

Signing professional for Liverpool in October 1960, he starred as Bill Shankly's side won the League Championship three times, the FA Cup in 1965 and UEFA Cup in 1973. He was also an FA Cup finalist in 1971 and gained four caps before reuniting with Ian St John at Portsmouth in October 1975. Moving to Stockport in August 1977, he netted three goals in 36 Fourth Division games while at Edgeley Park, then played for Bangor City. He later rejoined Liverpool as a coach and assisted Larry Lloyd at Wigan Athletic.

### > MIKE SUMMERBEE



Former England international winger Mike Summerbee had a spell as Stockport County's player-manager. Initially with Cheltenham, he moved to Swindon Town in March 1960 and starred in their 1962-63 promotion success. He joined Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Capped eight times, he later played for Burnley and Blackpool, then was Stockport's player-boss from March 1978 until October 1979, netting six goals in 87 League outings. He became a successful businessman in Manchester.

### > GEORGE ARMSTRONG

One-time Stockport County winger George Armstrong was ever-present in Arsenal's 1970-71 'double' success. Signing professional at Highbury in August 1961, the England U-23 international featured in two League Cup finals as well as the Gunners' 1970 Fairs Cup final triumph. He was also ever-present as Arsenal were FA Cup finalists in 1972 and made 500 First Division appearances before reuniting with Frank McLintock at Leicester City in September 1977. Moving to Stockport in September 1978, he played 34 League games. He rejoined Arsenal as reserve team coach until his sudden death in November 2000.

### > FRANK WORTHINGTON

Ex-England international striker Frank Worthington



was capped eight times before joining Stockport County. Initially with Huddersfield, he starred in their 1969-70 Second Division title triumph and joined Leicester City in August 1972. He was top scorer four times before reuniting with Ian Greaves at Bolton Wanderers in September 1977. Helping win the Second Division title in 1977-78, he then had spells with Birmingham, Leeds United, Sunderland, Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere and Preston prior to joining Stockport in November 1987, netting six goals in 19 League games, before several non-League clubs.

### > CARLTON PALMER

Former England international midfielder Carlton Palmer had a spell as Stockport County's player-manager. Signing professional for West Brom in December 1984, he followed Ron Atkinson to Sheffield Wednesday in February 1989 and helped them regain top-flight status in 1990-91. He also starred in central defence and featured in both the 1993 FA Cup and League Cup finals, moving to Leeds United for £2,600,000 in June 1994. Later with Southampton, Nottingham Forest and Coventry City, he was Stockport's player-boss from November 2001 until September 2003, playing 43 League games, then managed Mansfield Town.



## HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

*Chris Sykes*

Harrogate Town continue to lead the division on goal difference after winning their last three games in a row. Town have scored 35 goals in their opening 12 league games, the highest number in the top four tiers of non-league football.

They're just ahead of Salford, who remain unbeaten in the league since the opening day of the season. In the 11 games since that defeat to Darlington, the Ammies have conceded only five league goals.

Early pacesetters Brackley have dropped six points off the pace, after winning only one of their last seven games, a run which has included five draws.

Back-to-back wins over North Ferriby and Alfreton have seen fourth-placed Spennymoor overcome a sticky patch of form, in which they'd failed to win in five games.

Moors are above the other promoted side from the NPL, Blyth Spartans, on goal difference. Spartans had been on a run of four straight wins, which was ended a fortnight ago in a dramatic 5-4 defeat at Kidderminster.

A 3-1 defeat at struggling FC United brought a five-game unbeaten run to an end for sixth-placed Tamworth.

They're two points above York City, who occupy the final play-off spot. Their last game, a fortnight ago, saw them lose 2-0 at leaders Harrogate Town.

Bradford Park Avenue have enjoyed an impressive start to the campaign, and are out of the play-offs only on goal difference. Defeat against Leamington a fortnight ago ended a seven-game unbeaten run.

Also on 18 points are Chorley, who've lost just one of their last seven games, including four wins from their last five.

10th-placed Stockport County head a group of six teams on 17 points. Their 4-1 win over North Ferriby two weeks ago followed back-

to-back defeats against York and AFC Telford. Alfreton's momentum, generated by a five-game unbeaten run, was stunted by a defeat to Spennymoor and a FA Cup exit at the hands of Alfreton.

13th-placed Kidderminster are continuing to edge up the table after a poor start. Harriers have lost one of their last five and are just behind Darlington on goal difference.

Last weekend's victory over Quakers saw Curzon Ashton join Darlington on 17 points. Nash are six games without defeat, a run which has seen them take points off Salford and Brackley.

And after avoiding defeat in their first six games, Southport have plummeted down the table after four straight losses.

16th-placed AFC Telford's away form is remarkably superior to their home form. The Bucks have lost five from six at New Bucks Head, but have four victories on the road.

Nuneaton Town's 3-0 win over Southport a fortnight ago ended a five-game winless run for the Boro.

They're above Boston United on goal difference. The Pilgrims are struggling after winning just one of their last eight.

After a slow start, Leamington have managed to pull themselves out of the relegation zone after losing only once in their previous five games.

FC United are a point behind the Midlanders, after beating Tamworth in their last league game. They also knocked today's opponents Stockport out of the FA Cup in midweek.

A tally of only two points from their last five games has seen Gainsborough drift three points adrift of safety.

And North Ferriby, who've lost four games in a row, are bottom of the table after only one victory all season.

# Thanks Martin

Martin Gray quit as manager last weekend, and took over at York City. During his time as manager, Martin guided the club to three promotions, a runners up spot in the EvoStik League First Division North, and a play off position in the Vanarama National League North.

During his time with us, Martin was in charge of 234 league games, winning 155, drawing 35 and losing 41, gaining exactly 500 points.

Here, in pictures, are some of the highlights.



1. Martin applauds the Darlington fans ahead of the first game at Heritage Park
2. Martin celebrates with the fans after clinching promotion from the Northern League
3. Martin with the Northern League championship trophy
4. Martin in typical determined mood
5. Martin celebrates after the memorable EvoStik First Division North play off win over Spennymoor
6. Martin celebrates after Quakers beat Bamber Bridge in the EvoStik play off final
7. Martin and the EvoStik championship trophy
8. Martin is handed the EvoStik manager of the year award after the title win
9. Martin salutes the fans before the first away game in the National League at Altrincham



# REFLECTIONS

NATHAN CARTMAN  
SCORES



**13TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

**DARLINGTON 3 FC | UNITED OF MANCHESTER 0**

We ended a run of six games without a win with an excellent second half performance against FC United of Manchester.

## KEY MOMENTS

**20** – Mark Beck headed just wide from a left wing cross by Josh Gillies.

**25** – Kevin Burgess had a goal disallowed.

**33** – David Ferguson had a header well saved by the FC United keeper.

**35** – Liam Marrs cleared a header off the line.

**40** – Kevin Burgess was red carded for a foul.

**52** – 1-0. Mark Beck headed down a left wing cross by Phil Turnbull for Nathan Cartman to volley home.

**55** – Nathan Cartman fired just wide of the post when he was clean through

**62** – FC United defender Hughes was sent off for a second yellow when he

fouled Joe Wheatley, but Terry Galbraith missed the penalty.

**77** – 2-0. David Ferguson won the ball in midfield as FC started to break, burst forward past two men, and then buried a left foot shot past the keeper.

**85** – FC United, who had six players booked, had Connor sent off for pushing Joe Wheatley in the face.

**90** -- 3-0. Phil Turnbull found David Ferguson with an excellent pass on the left, and Ferguson fired the ball to the far post where Wheatley slid the ball home!

Darlington: Bartlett, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Collins (sub Vaulks 85), Gillies (sub Syers 46), Wheatley, Beck (Thompson 78), Cartman, Ferguson

Subs: Wilczynski, Saunders. Booking: Turnbull. Sending off: Burgess

FC United: Allinson, Senior, Wisdom, Kay, Fagbola, Hughes, Connor, Irwin (sub Kinsella 73), Greaves (sub Brady 64), McCarthy, Logan (sub Hooper 58).

Subs: Baird, Corbett. Bookings: Kay, Wisdom, Hughes, Senior, Fagbola, Connor

Sendings off: Hughes, Connor



# REFLECTIONS

THOMMO SCORES  
FROM THE SPOT



**20TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

**BOSTON 1 | DARLINGTON 1**

Stephen Thompson celebrated his 200th appearance for the club with a successful penalty in the 1-1 draw at Boston United, and helped Quakers to a deserved point.

## KEY MOMENTS:

**4** – Joe Wheatley has a shot blocked after a good run by David Ferguson

**24** -- Adam Bartlett guessed correctly and saved a penalty by Jack Clifton after Liam Marrs was harshly adjudged to have pushed Jack Thomas.

**30** – Debutant Adam Dawson made a great run down the right past two men, but his cross just missed everyone.

**44** -- James Caton limped off and was replaced by Harvey Saunders.

**55** – Nathan Cartman fired just wide from the edge of the box.

**59** – Quakers were awarded a penalty when Harvey Saunders was brought down, and Stephen Thompson, playing his 200th game, confidently stroked the

penalty into the bottom corner.

**64** – Phil Turnbull limped off injured and was replaced by Leon Scott. The queue outside the physio's room is getting longer!

**76** -- But Boston levelled when sub Kabongo Tshimanga picked the ball up on the right, worked his way into the box and squeezed the ball home with the help of a deflection.

Darlington: Bartlett, Marrs, Ferguson, Turnbull (sub Scott 64), Collins, Galbraith, Thompson, Wheatley, Caton (sub Saunders 44), Cartman, Dawson (sub Vaulks 75).

Subs: Wilczynski, Gillies. Bookings: Galbraith, Wheatley

Boston: Willis, Wakefield, Yeomans, McGuire, Keane, McGowan, Rollins, Broadhead (sub Tshimanga 69), Smith (sub Hawley 81), Thomas, Clifton (sub Hemmings 74).

Subs: Chapman, Beatson. Booking: Keane  
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## RESERVES



NATHAN STEPHENSON

The reserves had their best ever result since they were formed a year ago when they thumped Annfield Plain 8-1 in the Wearside League.

Nathan Stephenson had a fantastic game, scoring four with Joey Smith also scoring a hat trick, James Beauchamp got the other.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said: "It was a good performance, but believe it or not, we have played better this season! It was one of those days in which everything Nathan hit went in, and we had more than enough for Annfield Plain. I don't think any keeper would have been able to stop two of Nathan's goals, they were both superbly executed."

Quakers took the lead on 22 minutes when Nathan Stephenson charged down a clearance by the Plain keeper and the ball rebounded off him into the net, and then Joey Beauchamp dispossessed a defender and slotted the ball home.

Joey Smith finished off a good move to make it 3-0, and after Plain pulled a goal back, Smith added a fourth before half time.

Soon after half time it was 5-1 when Smith crossed for Stephenson to head in, then Stephenson fired a 25 yarder into the top corner from a Beauchamp assist for his hat trick.

Stephenson bettered that with another 25 yarder for 7-1 and to finish the scoring, he set up Smith to score the eighth.

The lads were in touching distance of the top of the table when they went to Hebburn Town Reserves a few days later, but they lost 4-2.

"It wasn't a very good performance, because individual mistakes cost us the game," said joint manager Paul Aldsworth. Twins Joey and Niall Smith scored the goals.

If the Annfield Plain victory was the best win of the season then the defeat against Billingham Town Reserves was one of the worst, when they were beaten 2-1.

"The lads have produced some very good performances in recent weeks, but this was definitely the worst of the season so far," said joint manager Mark Fanning. "The attitude and decision making of some of the players were poor. Before the game, we told the players not to be complacent, but within three minutes we were a goal down, and by half time we were 2-0 down.

"We didn't have any complaints, we didn't deserve anything from the game. A few harsh words were said afterwards, and there's a good chance that some players will be leaving on the back of this."



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



RYAN BOWMAN

**Ryan Bowman** will be playing in the semi finals of the Scottish League Cup after his current club Motherwell beat Aberdeen 3-0 in their quarter final.

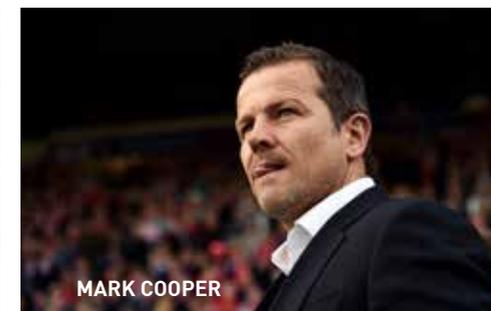
Bowman, who was one of the players who stood loyal to us during the third administration in 2012, set up the first goal early in the game to set up a semi final against Rangers on 22nd October.

He signed for Motherwell in the summer of 2016, and scored twice for them last season, and this season he scored twice in the League Cup and twice in the league.

**Mark Cooper** says that he doesn't feel any pressure "from above me" after Forest Green Rovers slumped to the bottom of League Two following their 1-0 defeat by Accrington Stanley, their third successive defeat.

"I don't feel any pressure from above me, only pressure that I put on myself, because I want to win games and I think it's important that I keep any pressure away from the players and any stick that's flying comes towards me and not the players.

"Time waits for no man and



MARK COOPER

I'm in a results business. I understand that, but I think there is a big project here to be done and we're going to try and do that and I'm convinced one win turns everything around."

**Sam Russell** was in goal against Accrington, but he was beaten by a deflected goal.

**Curtis Edwards** played the full 90 minutes for Ostersunds in their 2-0 away win at Zorya in the first round of matches in the Europa League. He then appeared in the 1-0 win over Hertha, which put them on top of Group J.

Ostersunds are enjoying a fairytale run in the competition with Edwards a regular in the side and earlier in the competition they beat Galatasaray from Turkey by 3-1 on aggregate

**Matt Green**, who moved to Lincoln City during the summer, was sent off in his side's 2-1 away defeat at Stevenage. Green played four games for us on loan from Oxford United in 2008.

**Shaun Reay** scored for West Allotment when they were beaten 2-1 at Blyth in the first qualifying round of the Vase.

**Andy Johnson** scored twice for Bishop Auckland in their 3-0 home win over Washington.

**Craig Gott** had an eventful game when Marske United beat Ryton and Crawcrook 2-0 in the first qualifying round of the Vase. Gott scored the first goal of the game for Marske, but was later sent off for two yellow cards.

Two former Darlo team mates from the 2012-13 season scored against each other for their respective sides in Tow Law's 3-2 victory in the Vase on the 9th September. **Adam Nicholls** was on target for Tow Law, and **Chris Emms** for Crook.

**David Dowson**, who is on loan to Consett from Spennymoor, scored in their 2-0 away win at Team Northumbria, and again in their 3-2 home defeat by West Auckland. **Nathan Fisher** was on target twice for West in that game, giving him 20 league goals already this season.

Two more former Darlo team mates were on target in the West Auckland v Morpeth game last month. **Paul Robinson** scored one of Morpeth's opening goals, then **Amar Purewal** replied for West.



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**THE PAST**



We said farewell to Martin Gray this week, five and half years since he first took his place in the Darlington dug-out at the beginning of the 2012-13 season.

He is pictured during his maiden match, the club's first game at Heritage Park in the Northern League against Bishop Auckland which was a 3-1 win, the first of 166 victories in 258 matches in all competitions.

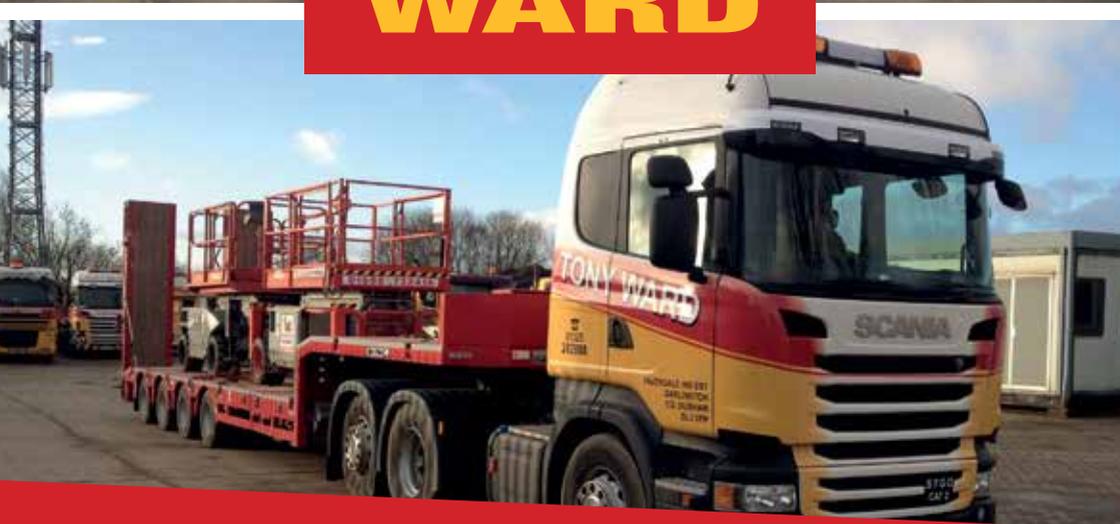
A mightily impressive 607 goals were scored in his reign, the three against Bishop by Arjun Purewal, Shaun Reay and David Dowson.



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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 land did the Romans call Hibernia?
2. Who was the gardener on BBC's Blue Peter during the 70s and 80s?
3. Tintagel Castle in Cornwall is linked with which legendary figure?
4. Which two female DJs hosted Radio 1's breakfast show between 1997 and 2001?
5. Who is the Greek god of love and passion?
6. What is the capital city of Chile?
7. From which fruit is the liqueur Kirsch distilled?
8. Which two colours sit behind the dragon on the Welsh flag?
9. Which football-supporting singer was born in Stoke on Trent on February 13th, 1974?
10. What is the equivalent of chemistry called at Harry Potter's school Hogwarts?
11. Which regional bank closed its doors for the last time in 2012 and is essentially now known as Virgin Money?

## SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. Which English Football League club is nicknamed the Brewers?
13. 1966 World Cup Finals: Who finished leading goalscorer and which German was crowned Best Young Player?
14. Which Italian club defeated which British club in the first ever European Cup Winners Cup final in 1961?
15. In which Dutch city do Feyernoord play their home games?
16. Who replaced Frank Gray as Quakers' manager in 1992?
17. Which cricketing county play their home games at the SWALEC Stadium?
18. For which sport is Cowdray Park in Sussex famous?
19. Which Lancashire cricketer, who has played Test cricket for England, is a cousin of boxer, Amir Khan?
20. Which indoor ball game originated in Harrow School in the middle of the nineteenth century?
21. Which sport is played by the Sheffield Eagles?
22. For which continental club has Diego Costa recently signed?

### HOW DID YOU DO?

#### 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?

ANSWERS  
ON  
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by Simon Weatherill

# Memory Match

In the latest of his Memory Match series, Simon Weatherill looks back to the night that Quakers were mentioned on Match of the Day for their 4-2 away win at Torquay on 18th October 1975.

The 1975/76 season kicked off with a new manager in charge at Darlington FC. Billy Horner had resigned in the summer and been replaced by club coach Peter Madden. He prepared for the new season by signing six players, bringing in goalkeeper Alan Ogley from Stockport, defenders Bobby Noble from Southport and Jimmy Cochrane from Middlesbrough, midfielder Dave Crosson from Newcastle and striker Eddie Rowles from Torquay. He also brought in ex-Sunderland striker Paddy Lowery, who'd spent the last three seasons playing his trade in Belgium.

Madden's new look Quakers began the new season in fine style, winning their first three games. They beat Scunthorpe 2-0 on the opening day, won 2-1 at Bournemouth on the following weekend and then 1-0 over Elton John's Watford a week later. Three wins out of three gave Madden the perfect start to his managerial career and saw his side top of Division 4 with a 100% record, the club's best start to a season since 1948. Madden won manager of the month for August, but things quickly went downhill after that. The three straight wins were followed by a seven match goalless run that saw the club drop into the bottom half of the table.

By the time the Quakers travelled to Torquay for the game on October 18th they had slipped down to 14th in the table with 9 points from their 10 games so far. A 13-man squad made the trip south, which would be a five day trip away, taking in games at Torquay on the Saturday and Swansea on the following Tuesday. John Cowan, Gordon Cattrell and Steve Holbrook all missed the trip due to injury. Recent signing Derek Craig, a centre half brought in on a free transfer from Newcastle, would make his debut at Torquay, playing in the unfamiliar role of midfielder due to Cattrell's absence. Torquay would have a debutant of their own. Centre forward Mike Hickman had just been signed from Blackburn Rovers for £8,000 and would be making his first appearance against the Quakers.

A crowd of 2413 turned out at Plainmoor for the Saturday evening fixture. (Uniquely at the time, Torquay regularly moved their Saturday home fixtures to a 7.30 pm kick off.) They saw the home side make a bright start and their new centre forward took only 17 minutes to make his mark on the game. Hickman raced into the box, but before he could get his shot away he was upended by Bobby Noble for a clear penalty.

Full back Phil Sandercock sent Alan Ogley the wrong way with the spot kick. The Quakers hit back and Colin Sinclair fired a free kick narrowly wide. The Scottish striker was just setting his sights though and in the 22nd minute he fired in an unstoppable equaliser. A long ball forward was flicked on by Stan Webb to Sinclair, who ran on to the ball and crashed a first-time volley past keeper Len Bond from just outside the box. It was the Quakers' first goal in over 730 minutes of league football. Sinclair nearly added a second ten minutes later but his fierce drive was superbly saved by Bond. The home side broke forward and in the 35th minute Hickman thought he'd scored with a header but Ogley brilliantly tipped the ball over the bar. Then Willie Brown wasted a good chance when he volleyed over from close range. Neither side could add to the scoring and the first half ended at 1-1.

Darlington took the lead in the 54th minute. Sinclair picked up a Jimmy Cochrane throw in out on the left. He knocked the ball across his marker Ian Twitchin and let fly from 25 yards out, the ball screaming into the net before Bond could move. Six minutes later Sinclair completed his hat trick with a similar strike. This time a

clever Webb header and a Dave Crosson pass set up Sinclair who stepped inside his full back and fired in a dipping volley from the edge of the box which finished in the same spot as his second goal. Torquay hit back and on 68 minutes Pat Kruse headed home a David Kennedy cross to give the home fans renewed hope at 2-3. But within four minutes Sinclair had completed the scoring and made the points safe with his fourth of the night. He took advantage of a slip by Twitchin and lashed the ball home from 18 yards out to make the final score, Torquay 2 Darlington 4.

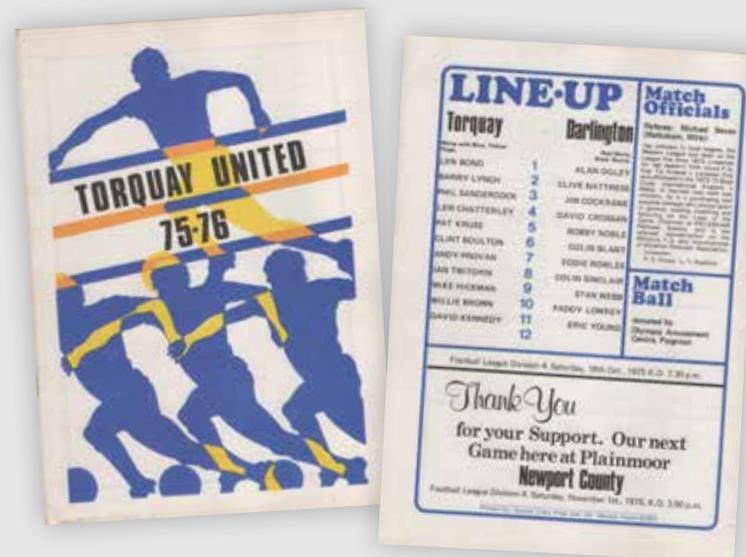
It was the first time a Darlington player had notched four times in one game since Brian Redfean against Notts County in December 1959, and it earned Colin Sinclair a mention on Match of the Day later that evening when they read the result out. Every one of his

goals was an absolute cracker and clearly his manager Peter Madden was impressed. "I have never seen four goals as good as that in any one match in all my life. Even Jimmy Greaves in his prime never produced finishing to beat that."

Inconsistency returned after the superb team performance at Torquay and one win in the next ten saw the Quakers drop down to fifth from bottom in the table before Christmas. The season became one long struggle at the wrong end of the table with the club only saving itself from the bottom four re-election places with a late run. Approaching the last four games of the season the team were in deep

trouble but two wins and two draws saw them scramble to safety, clinching the fifth from bottom spot with a 1-1 draw with Swansea on the final day. They finished with 38 points, only clear of the bottom four by a superior goal average. One bright spot in a disappointing season was Colin Sinclair's goal scoring. He finished with 21 goals from his 44 games.

Torquay produced a 20 page programme, priced at 10p. Coverage of the visitors was very limited, with just a single page, titled "Welcome to Darlington", briefly outlining the season so far and with very brief pen pictures of the players. The team line-ups were on the back cover.



**Team v Torquay** : 1 Alan Ogley 2 Clive Nattress 3 Jimmy Cochrane 4 Derek Craig 5 Bobby Noble 6 Colin Blant 7 Eddie Rowles 8 Dave Crosson 9 Stan Webb 10 Colin Sinclair 11 Eric Young Sub Paddy Lowery (not used).

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## Darlington Youth

The youth teams are making good progress, and some of the youngsters have recently caught the eye.

Cena Cole Priestley could be a top striker in the making!

Little Cena Cole scored ten in a recent game for Darlington Feethams Under 7s, which must be some sort of record. But it's not just Cena-Cole who has been playing well recently, so have his team mates. Ethan Sweet was also amongst the goals in the same game, and Harry Bass scored a hat trick!

These are just some of the young lads who are coming through the Darlington Academy, which is subsidised by subscriptions and whatever sponsorship the teams can raise through their own efforts – the whole set up is entirely self financing.

The Academy has 16 teams at various age groups, starting at under 6 and going all the way through to Under 18s. So, it is possible for a youngster to start playing for Quakers when he's six years old, and then play for every age group, then the reserves, then the first team! That would be a fantastic feather in the cap, but we'll have to wait a few years to see it!

In the Under 8s, keeper Ben Willams scored twice in a recent game!

Young Ben had a great all round game, stopping several shots, but he was also quite a useful attacker as well, scoring twice with long clearances!

But please don't think that an 8 year old has the ability to kick a ball over 100 yards, young lads like the Under 8s play on small sided pitches – but it still takes some doing to score two goals in a game from distance.

There are some promising lads in the

team, and coach Brad Blythe gave us a rundown on some of his players.

Darlington started the game really well with an early goal from Travis Harrison who played really well down the wing. Jack Parry once again was really good scoring and assisting with some great tricks and turns.

Without Ben Willams, the Darlington keeper the scoreline would have been in double figures with some brilliant saves to keep the score down he even chipped in with two goals with some great kicking out of his hands to reach the other team's net.

Zac Reeve was solid at the back, with some great tackles and decision making with and without the ball. Alfie Glancey, the work horse up front didn't score however he created a lot of chances for his team mates.

Miller Shield was good on the wing with some great tricks and turns to help assist couple of the goals.

Apo Bakan made some really good tackles to stop goals going in and even created some chances for the attackers.

Dylan Lewis scored a second half hat trick for the Under 12s against Seaham RP in their 7-0 win.

Coach Andrew Alton made a few tactical changes at half time, and they made a big difference. Dylan was one of the half time subs, and within minutes of coming on, he'd scored. His best goal was his third, when he ran through and dinked the ball over the keeper's head.

The youth teams play their home games at Eastbourne, sometimes on the 3G, sometimes on the grass pitches, so why not pop along and support them?



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>> BY NEIL RAPER

# DFCSG *notes*

**Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Stockport County FC. During our Football League days, our visitors were regular visitors to Feethams and latterly the Arena. Although currently in mid-table of National League North they are drawing attendances well in excess of 3,000, which is commendable support.**

## Changes in the DFCSG Board

A couple of weeks ago the DFCSG board regretfully accepted Wayne Raper's notice to step down as both Chair and board member of the Darlington Football Club Supporters Group with immediate effect due to work commitments. We want to place on record our thanks to Wayne and acknowledge all that he achieved in his time leading DFCSG.

Wayne joined the DFCSG board in November 2015 and shortly afterwards stepped up to be the new Chair. Over his time as Chair the DFCSG has seen:

- Membership numbers more than double to over 1,000;
- £280,000+ raised through the online fundraising platform and community shares;
- Additional membership benefits secured with both local & national companies;
- Introduction of GoCardless, which has revolutionised the way members can renew/join DFCSG, join the lottery, community shares, etc;
- Online season ticket & match day ticket sales introduced.

Wayne leaves the DFCSG in a much better position than when he joined the board two years ago and as a dedicated, professional and innovative leader he will be greatly missed.

We plan to appoint a new Chair at the AGM in November and in the interim Vice-Chair Joanne Cameron will lead the board.

## Fundraising Update – Seating Phase 2 of 3

Many thanks indeed for all your pledges towards the procurement of the additional seats. The offer closed a week ago and the fantastic news is that we managed to hit the target of £38,300 just ahead of deadline with a few 11th hour pledges! This continues the amazing achievement of the fans hitting every single fundraising target which has been put before them.

Hitting the target means that we have been able to trigger the collection of the pledges and once we have collected in all of the funds, we will notify the Football Club so that the order for the seats can be placed; so the sooner we have the funds the sooner we can get them ordered and in situ to improve the matchday experience at Blackwell Meadows.

If everything goes to plan, the seats should be installed in time for use at the match against York City on Saturday 6 January 2018.

By hitting the Community Share target it also means that the £5,551 collected via the Ground Development fund can be rolled forwards to the next phase of development which will be for the roof - which once finalised will mean that Blackwell Meadows will satisfy the ground grading criteria for promotion to the National League - a great starting point!

Details of how you can donate to the Ground Development fund or to make a pledge towards the 'Seating Phase 3 of 3' of the Community Share offer can be found on our fundraising website at: <https://fundraising.darlingtonfcscsupportersgroup.org/>

Thanks again for your tremendous support.



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# DFCSG *notes* CONTINUED



UHT milk, tinned meats/fruit and pasta or rice, which helps the foodbank to make up a well-balanced bag of food.

Quakers fans have always given generously in the past and no doubt today will be no different.

If you have forgotten to bring your contribution to the collection, don't worry because there are designated donation boxes around town, including Sainsburys and Co-op stores, or you can take donations directly to collection points listed above. Supplies often run low, so donations of food are always gratefully received.



## Foodbank Collection

This afternoon we are holding our annual collection for the King's Church Foodbank. We welcome as our guests volunteers from the foodbank

Caroline Todd, Andrew Coltman, Neil Sanders and Karen Sanders and after the match they will take away the donated food.

The King's Church Foodbank is situated on Whessoe Road and is part of a network of foodbanks across the town. The other centres are at St. Mary's Community Centre in Cockerton, St. Andrew's Church in Haughton-le-Skerne and St. Columba Church on Clifton Road.

The foodbanks are an emergency food resource for people who are unable to feed themselves or their families due to financial difficulties or crisis.

The King's Church is always grateful for the donations that they receive, especially non-perishables such as - baked beans, soup,

## 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.

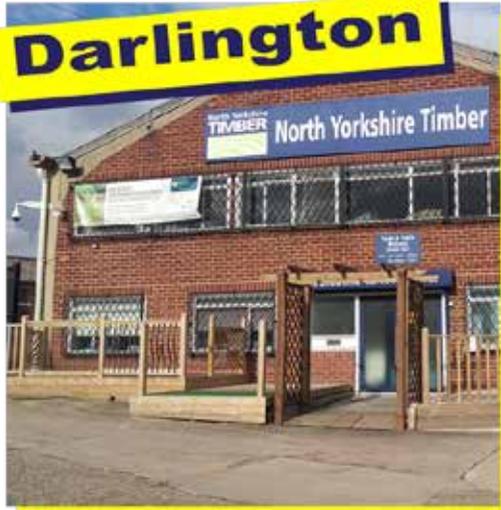
Our next scheduled away trips are to Nuneaton Town on Saturday 14 October, departing at 10am and Blyth Spartans on Saturday 28 October, departing at noon. The fare to Nuneaton is £20 and to Blyth Spartans is £12, but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

To book a seat ring Glen on 07376 368553.

Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website at: <http://www.darlingtonfcsupportersgroup.org/?page=fanstravel>



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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).

**Please e mail this information in confidence to [dave.watson@darlingtonfc.org](mailto:dave.watson@darlingtonfc.org)**



# QUAKER

with Lynn Jasper

**Good afternoon everyone and a big welcome to our visitors today from Stockport County. We hope you enjoy your visit to Blackwell Meadows. Come on Darlo let's get back to winning ways today and chalk up three points!**

## Changes

It can never be said that life as a Darlo fan is dull. Our latest change this week saw Martin Gray moving on to local rivals York City. We wish Martin well in his new venture. Brian and Sean now have the reigns at the club and it's a time for pulling together and getting behind the new management team and players. Let's make some noise and hopefully get three points today and start a good run of form. I hope Lady Luck smiles on us too as we haven't had much of that lately.

## National Non league Day

It's the first time that we've been at home on National Non League Day since we were relegated to the Northern League. If you visit the Non League Day website you'll see that it is common for Non League clubs to invite local Premier league or EFL clubs to see what Non League Football is all about. Some clubs give free admittance on receipt of a season ticket whilst others make a reduced charge as we have done. If you are visiting from a Premier or EFL club then we hope you enjoy your day with us and enjoy your experience of Non League Football.

## Prostate Cancer UK

The charity behind National Non League Day are Prostate Cancer UK. If you go into the bar today Sue and her team will have a table at the entrance to the bar. They will answer any questions you might have and they are going to distribute leaflets and have a bucket collection. They also have some badges to sell.

## Shirt Sales

Our shirt sales currently stand at 817 so thank you to everyone who has bought a shirt so far this season. It would be great to replicate last season's achievement of selling 1,000 shirts by Christmas. We have home shirts in all sizes from XSB through to XXL priced at £30 for juniors and £35 for



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## Online Leisurewear

We have a new category now on the online shop called "Winter Leisurewear". Our new season hoodies, all priced at £36 and rain jackets are displayed in there. Coming soon are our padded jackets and bench coats. Our t shirts, polos and track jackets remain in the "Leisurewear section".

## Baseball Caps

I normally don't order any more baseball caps in the Autumn as people usually favour the beanies but after a number of requests for caps I've ordered some more. Our baseball caps cost £10 and are black, red or white and have the Darlo badge on the front.

Well that's all from me for today so I'll see you all again soon.



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# On This Day

In this series, we look back through Quakers' history of games on the corresponding day

**October 10th 1925**

**Division Two**

**Darlington 1 Chelsea 1, Attendance 16,897**

We were in our first season in the old Second Division after winning promotion from the old Third Division North, and though it sounds difficult to believe all these years on, we were rubbing shoulders with some giants of the game. Earlier in the season we had played Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Preston North End, and in the previous home game we had beaten Southampton. Wolves, Portsmouth and Fulham were also in the same division.

A huge crowd of 16,897 turned up for the game, and we drew 1-1 with the Londoners, Davy Brown scoring the goal.

Team: Crumley, Greaves, Joyce, Dickson, Childs, Burrige, Brown, Bosomworth, Ruddy Little, McKenzie.

**October 4th 1965**

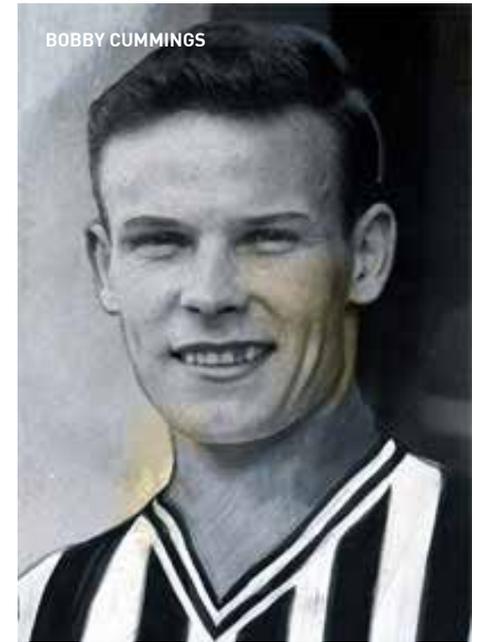
**Division Four**

**Darlington 3 Stockport County 0, Attendance 6,436**

Bobby Cummings made his home debut after signing from Newcastle United, and became an instant crowd favourite by scoring twice in the 3-0 win.

He scored his first when Alan Sproates headed the ball on for Les O'Neill to hit the post, and the ball rolled along the line for Cummings to tap in, and three minutes later he got his second with a header from

BOBBY CUMMINGS



a Sproates centre. Eric Johnstone scored the third with a diving header from a Ray Yeoman cross near the end. John Peverell also hit the bar, the ball going over the Tin Shed and bouncing halfway over the cricket field.

Team: Moor, Peverell, Keeble, Yeoman, Greener, Jacques, Johnstone, O'Neill, Cummings, Sproates, McGeachie.

**October 7th 1990**

**GM Vauxhall Conference**

**Enfield 0 Darlington 3**

**Attendance 1,749**

We stretched our unbeaten start to the season to eleven games with a comfortable victory, and it could so easily have been more.

David Corner headed us into the lead after just 8 minutes, then Kevan Smith quickly added a second. Andy Toman scored at the second attempt from a John Borthwick through ball on 24 minutes as Quakers dominated and were maybe unhappy at not adding to our tally in the second half.

Prudhoe, McJannet, Gray, Toman, Corner, Smith, Willis, Borthwick (sub Stephens), Cork, Emson (sub Hyde ) Hine.

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

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## The last time



Steve Hume has been doing some research for The Quaker about "The last time"

Last time we won at home – 13th September 2017 3-0 v FC United

Last time we drew at home – 9th September 2017 0-0 v Leamington

Last time we lost at home – 16th September 2017 0-3 v South Shields

Last time we won away – 5th August 2017, 2-0 at Salford City

Last time we drew away – 23rd September 2017, 1-1 at Boston

Last time we lost away – 30th September 2017, 0-1 at Curzon Ashton

Last time we kept a clean sheet at home – 13th September 2017 3-0 v FC United

Last time we kept a clean sheet away – 15th August 2017, 0-0 at York City

Last time we scored 5 or more in a home game – 22nd October 2016, 5-1 v Worcester City

Last time we scored 4 times in a home game – 12th August 2017, 4-1 v Alfreton Town

Last time we scored 3 times in a home game – 13th September 2017 3-0 v FC United

Last time we scored twice in a home game – 25th February 2017, 2-3 v Harrogate Town

Last time we scored once in a home game – 28th August 2017, 1-1 v Spennymoor Town

Last time we failed to score at home – 16th September 2017 v South Shields

Last time we scored 5 or more in an away game – 19th April 2016, 7-1 at Whitby Town

Last time we scored 4 times in an away

game – 29th October 2016, 4-1 at Harrogate Town

Last time we scored 3 times in an away game – 15th April 2017, 3-0 at Alfreton Town

Last time we scored twice in an away game – 5th August 2017, 2-0 at Salford City

Last time we scored once in an away game – 23rd September 2017 at Boston

Last time we failed to score in an away game – 30th September 2017 at Curzon Ashton

Last time a Darlo player scored a hat trick in a home game – 21st March 2015, Adam Mitchell v Prescott Cables

Last time a Darlo player scored a hat trick in an away game – 19th April 2016, Graeme Armstrong (in 11 minutes!) at Whitby Town

Last time an opposing player scored a hat trick against Darlo – 19th September 2015, Scott Spencer for Hyde United

Last time a Darlo player scored a brace in a home game – 12th August 2017, Josh Gillies v Alfreton Town

Last time a Darlo player scored a brace in an away game – 5th August 2017, David Ferguson at Salford City

Last time a substitute scored for Darlo – 5th September 2017, Harvey Saunders at Chorley

Last time Darlo came from behind to win – 12th August 2017, 4-1 v Alfreton Town

Last time Darlo lost after taking the lead – 17th December 2016, 1-2 at Kidderminster Harriers

### QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Ireland 2. Percy Thrower 3. King Arthur 4. Zoe Ball & Sara Cox 5. Eros 6. Santiago 7. Cherry 8. Green & white 9. Robbie Williams 10. Potions 11. The Northern Rock

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. Burton Albion 13. Eusebio - Franz Beckenbauer 14. Fiorentina - Rangers 15. Rotterdam 16. Ray Hankin 17. Glamorgan 18. Polo 19. Sajid Mahmood 20. Squash 21. Rugby League 22. Atletico Madrid



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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	<b>Harrogate Town</b>	12	9	2	1	35	12	29	+23
2	Salford City	12	9	2	1	20	7	29	+13
3	Brackley	12	6	5	1	19	8	23	+11
4	Spennymoor Town	12	6	3	3	24	15	21	+9
5	Blyth Spartans	12	7	0	5	28	22	21	+6
6	Tamworth	12	6	2	4	19	17	20	+2
7	York City	12	5	3	4	19	14	18	+5
8	Bradford PA	12	5	3	4	16	15	18	+1
9	Chorley	12	5	3	4	14	13	18	+1
10	Stockport County	12	5	2	5	23	16	17	+7
11	Alfreton Town	12	5	2	5	21	18	17	+3
12	<b>Darlington</b>	13	4	5	4	17	15	17	+2
13	Kidderminster	12	5	2	5	18	18	17	0
14	Curzon Ashton	13	4	5	4	15	21	17	-6
15	Southport	12	5	2	5	16	23	17	-7
16	AFC Telford United	12	5	0	7	17	23	15	-6
17	Nuneaton Town	12	3	3	6	15	19	12	-4
18	Boston United	12	3	3	6	15	23	12	-8
19	Leamington	12	3	2	7	12	22	11	-10
20	FC United	12	3	1	8	17	24	10	-7
21	Gainsborough Trinity	12	2	2	8	16	26	8	-10
22	North Ferriby	12	1	2	9	4	29	5	-25

## 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	12	0	1	0	0	0	20	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	5	0	0	0	1	0	157	3	11	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	0	1	0	0	0	72	2	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	3	1	0	0	1	0	81	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	9	2	1	0	1	0	9	2	1	0	1	0
Dominic Collins	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	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	12	0	1	0	1	0	179	14	15	1	53	2
Josh Gillies	12	0	1	0	4	0	41	8	3	0	14	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	5	1	1	0	0	0	34	3	4	0	0	0
Tom Portas	3	3	0	0	0	0	81	17	7	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	21	0	0	3	0
Leon Scott	1	7	0	0	0	0	156	36	14	1	20	0
David Syers	8	2	1	0	1	0	27	11	2	1	10	0
Stephen Thompson	7	3	0	0	0	0	201	12	14	3	68	6
Phil Turnbull	13	0	1	0	0	0	93	1	3	1	1	0
Jack Vaultks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	3	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0



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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																			
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town (also FA Cup 4Q)	A																			
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H																			
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A																			
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town (also FA Cup 1R)	H																			
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A																			
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H																			
Sat Nov 25th	FA Trophy 3q																				
Sat Dec 9th	Salford City	H																			
Sat Dec 16th	FA Trophy 1R																				
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																			
Sat Feb 3rd	Blyth Spartans (also FA Trophy 3r)	H																			
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																			
Mon Apr 2nd	Spennymoor Town	A																			
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																				

Yellow Card  
Red Card

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

Last match

V Curzon Ashton  
Lost 0-1

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Green Dragon	E.cowton shop
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Berties	Brian's Hairdressers
Red lion	Sweeny's Barbers
The George	Quaker House
Brittania	J&G Deli
Half Moon	Mulholland&Son Butchers
Railway Tavern	Craig Shields Fruit & Veg
Alliance Cafe	The Diner
Harrowgate Hill shop	Robin Blair Fruit & Veg
Vapemaster	<b>Cockerton Village Shops</b>
Terry Andrews butchers	Alderson Butchers
Laundrette	Cockerton Fisheries
Salisbury tc	Co Op
Glad News	Village Opticians
Jigsaw	Travellers Rest
Turks Head	Cockerton Library
Lavas Barbers	J Maddison Barbers
Art shop	SLC Barbers
Beeswing inn	Pound Plus

**Happy birthday, Geoff!**  
Happy 70th birthday to Geoff Watson, who is enjoying our hospitality today!

**Mascots:**

 **Caitlin Gunn is 13 and attends Longfield School, Her favourite players are Harvey Saunders and Josh Gillies**

 **Kayleigh Bradley is 9 years old and attends Etherley Lane Primary School in Bishop Auckland. Her favourite player is Adam Bartlett**

**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 Nuneaton Town on Saturday 14 October, departing at 10am and Blyth Spartans on Saturday 28 October, departing at noon. The fare to Nuneaton is £20 and to Blyth Spartans is £12, but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

To book a seat ring Glen on 07376 368553.

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TODAY'S MATCH IS THE FIRST WITH BRIAN ATKINSON AND SEAN GREGAN IN CHARGE, AND IT COMES 21 YEARS SINCE THE PAIR BECAME TEAM-MATES AT FEETHAMS. BRIAN JOINED FROM SUNDERLAND IN THE SUMMER OF 1996, BECOMING PART OF A SQUAD THAT HAD PLAYED AT WEMBLEY AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON IN THE DIVISION THREE PLAY-OFF FINAL, LOSING 1-0 TO PLYMOUTH ARGYLE. GREGAN WAS ONE OF THE YOUNG STARS OF THAT TEAM, AND IN NOVEMBER '96 HE WAS SOLD TO PRESTON NORTH END. SEAN IS PICTURED IN THE BACK ROW, SECOND FROM LEFT, AND BRIAN IS JUST BENEATH HIM, FIRST LEFT IN THE MIDDLE ROW.



# >TODAY'S TEAMS



## DARLINGTON

ADAM BARTLETT	
ED WILCZYNSKI	
LIAM MARRS	
CHRIS HUNTER	
DOMINIC COLLINS	
KEVIN BURGESS	
GARY BROWN	
TERRY GALBRAITH	
DAVID FERGUSON	
TOM PORTAS	
LEON SCOTT	
PHIL TURNBULL	
DAVID SYERS	
JAMES CATON	
NATHAN CARTMAN	
MARK BECK	
JOSH GILLIES	
STEPHEN THOMPSON	
HARVEY SAUNDERS	
JOE WHEATLEY	
JACK VAULKES	
ADAM DAWSON	
PAULO MENDES	



## STOCKPORT COUNTY

BEN HINCHLIFFE	
IAN ORMSON	
DANE SMITH	
SCOTT DUXBURY	
CONNOR HAMPSON	
DAN COWAN	
SAM MINIHAN	
MICHAEL CLARKE	
STEPHEN O'HALLORAN	
CHRIS SMALLEY	
JAMES BALL	
HARRY WINTER	
SAM WALKER	
GARY STOPFORTH	
BOHAN DIXON	
MATTY WARBURTON	
JASON OSWELL	
DARREN STEPHENSON	
BEN MCKENNA	
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### > Match officials:

Referee: Samuel Barrott  
 Assistant referees: Martin Parker and Gareth Myers

### > Next home matches:

Saturday 21st October, kick off 3pm  
 Bradford Park Avenue  
 Saturday 4th November, kick off 3pm  
 Brackley Town

### > Next away matches:

Saturday 14th October, kick off 3pm  
 Nuneaton Town  
 Saturday 28th October, kick off 3pm  
 Blyth Spartans

### > Today's other games:

AFC Telford United v Boston, Alfreton v Chorley, Blyth Spartans v Nuneaton, Bradford PA v Kidderminster, Curzon Ashton v Harrogate Town, North Ferriby v FC United, Salford City v Leamington, Southport v Spennymoor Town, Tamworth v Gainsborough Trinity, York City v Brackley

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