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Good afternoon, everyone and welcome to the game.

I have prepared these notes on Thursday morning, but by the time you read them, hopefully we are a lot closer to appointing a new manager.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate in the appointment of a manager, there are interviews, procedures and negotiations that must be undertaken, and all of them are of a confidential nature. Only when the club and the potential new management team have concluded negotiations and signed all the necessary paperwork, will we formally announce the appointment. It must be said though, that some of the social media speculation hasn't helped us, which is why we asked for patience earlier in the week.

We have been looking for a manager whom we feel can take the club forward in the framework of a fan-owned club and help us achieve our ambition of progressing up the football ladder. Personally, I believe that we can still make the play offs, and I know that a lot of people agree with me. After all, the play off places now stretch to seventh place, so we still have time to make up lost ground.

I am also sure that everyone will give the new manager their 100 per cent support. There was a huge feeling of togetherness at the last home game against Stockport County, and it is that sort of collective support which will be a big help to our new management team.

I would like to thank Brian Atkinson and Sean Gregan for their service over the past five and a half years, just like Martin they also played a big part in the club's success over that time. At this moment in time, losing their services has been very difficult for everyone to take, and who knows, if circumstances change in the future, then we can work with them again. They have Darlo in their hearts.

The DFCSG are now launching their latest fundraising pitch - Raising the Roof - which will enable us to complete the 250 seater stand and achieve the grading required so then we can participate in the play offs.

The generosity and determination of Darlington fans never ceases to amaze me ever since that famous day back in January 2012 when you all got together to save the club - there surely can't be another group of fans anywhere in the country that will dig deep on a regular basis to help their club.

This fundraising pitch closes on 31st December, by which time all the seats that have been bought by the previous fundraising pitch, should be ready for use in the home game against York City on 6th January.

So please continue to invest in the club!

I would also like to thank everyone who mailed in questions for our netcafe a fortnight ago. It's obvious that many people care about the club and the way it is run, and I was pleased to explain some of the club's recent decisions and rationale, and the board's vision for taking the club forward. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, there is a lot to take into account when running a football club, and, especially in the last three weeks, it is very time-consuming! Thanks to everybody who has voiced their support in what we're trying to do, it's much appreciated.

I would like to welcome all the officials, players and fans of Bradford Park Avenue to the game, and hope that you have a safe journey home afterwards.

Enjoy the game

David



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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Training has gone really well this week, everyone is looking forward to today's game and getting a win under our belts.

We couldn't quite hang on in our last home game against Stockport for a victory, but we were all pleased with our performance and we played some good football. We couldn't quite get the second goal when it mattered, but every player gave everything, and we were all grateful for your support. It was an emotional day in some ways! Your support really does make a difference, so please give us plenty again today. Then last Saturday we didn't quite get it right at Nuneaton, but we kept battling away, stayed in the game and scored a late goal which unfortunately wasn't enough.

Our mentality is that we won't give up, and that we'll keep battling away all the way

through the 90 minutes.

Gary and I are quite happy to look after the team until a new manager is appointed - I put these notes together earlier in the week so he might be in post when you read this - and we'll give him every assistance possible. We need someone who can provide us with direction and help to lift us back into the play off contention again.

There is a good squad of players at the club, all of whom have a great attitude, and we are comfortable in most departments in the team.

Thanks again for your support!

Phil



SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2017

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

Bradford Park Avenue are visiting Blackwell Meadows today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

Formed in 1907 and played in the Southern League – their nearest game was 130 miles away in Peterborough – and a year later joined the Second Division of the Football League

Promoted to the First Division of the English game in 1914, finishing ninth in the top flight the following season.

However, they were relegated to the Second Division in 1921, and then to the newly formed Third Division North a year later. They won that league in 1928, and stayed in the Second Division until 1950. They were relegated back to the Third Division North and then placed in the Fourth Division on the 1958 re-organisation.

They were voted out of the Football League in 1970, with Cambridge United replacing them.

Their shareholders liquidated the club in 1974, and they reformed in local Sunday League football, before switching back to Saturday football in 1988. They worked their way up the pyramid and won promotion into Conference North in 2012 where they have remained ever since.

The club has reached the quarter finals of the FA Cup on three occasions, in 1913, 1920 and 1946.

BRADFORD 17/18 STATS

Adam Boyes is their top scorer, 16 goals
They have picked up more points away from home (10) than what they have at home (9).

They have scored 17 league goals, only Chorley in the top 14 have scored less

They have yet to be involved in a game with more than five goals in it.

They have gone on to win all three of the matches they have led at half time.

They were knocked out of the FA Cup by Harrogate Town in a replay.

LAST SIX GAMES

07/10/2017 Kidderminster Harriers (H) Drew 1-1

02/10/2017 Harrogate Town (H) Lost 2-0
FA Cup

30/09/2017 Harrogate Town (A) Drew 0-0
FA Cup

23/09/2017 Leamington (A) Lost 2-1

16/09/2017 Southport (A) Won 3-0

11/09/2017 Boston United (H) Won 2-1

Bradford Park Avenue



LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/2017 National League North Points 43 Position 16th

2015/2016 National League North Points 50 Position 14th

2014/2015 National League North Points 53 Position 13th

2013/2014 National League North Points 57 Position 10th

2012/2013 National League North Points 66 Position 7th

2011/2012 Northern Premier League Points 78 Position 4th (Promoted via playoffs)

LAST SEASON

The 2016/17 season was all about survival for Bradford and they just about managed it. Despite drawing their opening three fixtures they then lost their next nine in a row including a 2-1 home defeat against ourselves. Mark Bower came in as manager after 12 games and they first tasted victory at the 16th attempt with a 3-2 win over fellow strugglers Altrincham. The win lifting them off the bottom of the table where they had been since the early stages of the campaign. Despite losing their next fixture it sparked the start of a fantastic run, as they won five out of seven. Another good run in February saw them win all three of their league games and finally move them out of the relegation zone. A further three wins in four games starting in the middle of March all but confirmed their survival and completed a quite remarkable turn out under Bower. They failed to win any of their final five games,

but it did not matter as they finished the campaign 16th in the league table.

PLAYERS/MANAGER

Manager: Mark Bower

Assistant manager: Danny Boshell

Goalkeepers: Steven Drench, Ed Hall

Defenders: Luca Havern, Ryan Toulson, Matt Hill, Graham Kelly, Shane Killock, James Knowles, Mark Ross, Javan Vidal.

Midfielders: Nicky Boshell, Adam Nowakowski, Jamie Spencer, Nicky Wroe, Wayne Brooksby, Nicky Clee, Cameron Lyn.

Forwards: Adam Boyes, Oli Johnson, Lee Knight

Mark Bower - Manager

Bradford-born Mark joined the club in September 2016, taking over from Alex Meechan. The former Bradford City defender left Guiseley early last season having guided them to promotion from the then-named Conference North before miraculously retaining National League status on the last day of last season.

As a player, Bower featured over 250 times for City, and also spent time at York City, Luton Town and Guiseley before becoming manager at Nethermoor in 2013. He also played for Quakers in season 2009-10.





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

Bradford Park Avenue

Adam Boyes - Striker



Avenue made a coup in the summer of 2017, beating a number of clubs to the signature of 26-year-old Adam, as he joined on a two year deal following his release by Guiseley. The forward had netted 101 goals in 335 matches at National League and National League North level prior to his move to the Horsfall Stadium, but is also well known for his hold-up play and all-round work rate. Boyes links up again once more with manager Mark Bower, who managed him as Guiseley achieved promotion to the National League, Boyes netting 24 goals in the promotion winning campaign. Starting his career at York City, the front man earned a six-figure move to Championship club Scunthorpe United

as a teenager. Spells with Kidderminster, Barrow and Gateshead followed before Bower took Boyes to Guiseley in January 2013.

Nicky Wroe - Midfielder

Experienced midfielder Nicky joined the club in July 2016 from neighbours FC Halifax Town, and won last season's Player of the Year award following a string of fine performances in green and white. The 31-year-old arrived with a wealth of experience and well over 200 appearances in the Football League. He started his career at Barnsley, and featured for Bury, Hamilton Academical and York City before joining Torquay United in 2008. He won promotion from the Conference in his first season at Plainmoor, and made over 100 appearances in three years at the club before joining Shrewsbury Town for an undisclosed fee. He moved on again in 2012, joining League One side Preston North End, but ended his second season with loan spells at Shrewsbury and Oxford before joining Notts County in 2014. Last season he joined Halifax on loan before making the switch permanent in January, going on to captain the Shaymen to victory in the FA Trophy final at Wembley.

Adam Nowakowski - Midfielder

Versatile Adam joined the club in October 2016, initially on loan from Quakers, before making the move permanent just before Christmas. The towering utility man can play in the centre of midfield, defence or even operate as a striker. Prior to joining us in 2015 Nowakowski had spent his whole senior career at Harrogate Town, where he made well over 100 appearances at National League North level. He came through the ranks

ADAM NOWAKOWSKI



at Leeds United, where he progressed as a right winger before his height and strength saw him converted into an enforcer at Wetherby Road. A box-to-box midfielder, Nowakowski is strong in the tackle and is capable of chipping in with the odd goal as well, as he did against Kidderminster in their last league game.

LAST MATCH

Bradford PA 1-1 Kidderminster Harriers

The visitors dictated the tempo in the early stages of the match and appeared most likely to break the deadlock. James McQuilkin threaded an exquisite pass through to Emmanuel Sonupe for Harriers whose shot went just inches wide.

Despite the early pressure it was Park Avenue who took the lead. Ryan Toulson

found space on the right flank, before squaring the ball across the six yard box for Adam Nowakowski to bundle home.

Moments later, the home side came close to doubling their advantage, Nowakowski's drilled effort appeared to strike the arm of a Kidderminster defender, but nothing was given.

Mark Bower's side were forced to swallow another bitter pill just minutes later, with half-time looming. Joe Ironside cut in from the left to deliver the ball on a plate for Sonupe, who maintained his composure to level.

Drench, Ross, Kelly, Wroe, Havern, Toulson, Spencer, Nowakowski, Boyes, Johnson, Clee (sub Brooksby 71)

Subs: Knowles, Hall, D Boshell, N Boshell

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Last time
we met

Darlington: Bartlett, Marrs (sub Saunders 77), Ferguson, Turnbull, Galbraith, Brown, Syers, Falkingham, Beck, Thompson, Cillies (sub Cartman 59)

Subs: Wilczynski, Hunter, Scott.

Bradford PA: Worsnop, Hibbs, Hill, Wroe, Killock, Knowles, Brooksby, Boshell (sub Chippendale 80), Sinclair (Sharp 76), Nowakowski, Rothery (sub Johnson 64)

Subs: Toulson, Hall.

Teenage substitute Harvey Saunders put Darlington into joint third place with a late goal.

Quakers looked as if they would be frustrated by a spirited Bradford side until Saunders, who had only been on the field for two minutes, scored the winner.

Quakers nearly scored on 11 minutes when Josh Falkingham found the overlapping Josh Cillies down the left with a great ball. Cillies crossed first time into the middle where David Syers headed against the angle of post and crossbar.

Quakers hit the post again on 51 minutes. This time, David Ferguson crossed deep from the left for Mark Beck, standing on the edge of the box, to volley left footed first time against the left hand post.

There was another chance for Quakers when Beck and Syers caused problems in the Bradford box and the ball dropped for sub Nathan Cartman who dragged his shot wide.

But Quakers had to be careful about the Bradford counter attack, and sub Oli Johnson created space well for himself and hit a

powerful right foot shot that Adam Bartlett pushed around the post with a flying save.

Quakers had a let off when Terry Galbraith slipped and let Nicky Wroe through, and as Bartlett came out, Wroe tried to play the ball inside instead of shooting, and Liam Marrs intercepted and got the ball away.

Marrs was replaced soon after, with Saunders coming on, Quakers going with four up front. The tactic paid off, Stephen Thompson won the ball in midfield, put the ball in the box, and after Beck had a shot cleared off the line, Saunders fired the ball home.

Overall, Quakers and Bradford have played each other 46 times in the past, Quakers winning 20 and Bradford 18.

The first time we played Bradford was in our FA Cup run of 1910/11 when we won 2-1 and our last meeting in the Football League was in 1969-70, just before Bradford were sadly voted out of the league.

BRADFORD PARK AVENUE

THE UNLIKELY LADS



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten big-name Bradford Park Avenue players not usually associated with the club



LEN SHACKLETON

Skilful inside-forward Len Shackleton was capped five times by England after leaving Bradford Park Avenue. A former Arsenal amateur, he joined Bradford Park Avenue in December 1940 and created a big reputation in wartime football. The 'Clown Prince of Soccer' netted four goals in seven post-war Second Division games, moving to Newcastle United for £13,000 in October 1946. Scoring six times on his debut, he joined Sunderland for a then record £20,050 in February 1948 and starred as they were twice FA Cup semi-finalists. His career was curtailed by injury in September 1957 and he later became a journalist. He died in Cumbria in November 2000.

RON GREENWOOD

England B international centre-half Ron Greenwood achieved managerial success



after leaving Bradford Park Avenue. He joined Avenue from Chelsea in December 1945 and made 59 Second Division appearances before moving to Brentford in March 1949, then rejoined Chelsea. Helping win the League Championship in 1954-55, he had a spell at Fulham prior to coaching Walthamstow, Arsenal and England U-23s. Appointed West Ham's boss in April 1961, he plotted their 1964 FA Cup final success and 1965 ECWC final triumph, becoming their general manager. He then managed England from December 1977 until July 1982 and died in February 2006.

DEREK KEVAN

Inside-left Derek Kevan was capped 14 times by England after leaving Bradford Park Avenue. Initially with Ripon YMCA, he joined Bradford in October 1952 and netted eight goals in 15 League

games before following Vic Buckingham to West Brom in July 1953. 'The Tank' was twice ever-present and topped their goalscoring charts on five occasions, moving to Chelsea in March 1963. Later playing for Manchester City, Crystal Palace, Peterborough United, Luton Town, Stockport County, Macclesfield Town, Boston United and Stourbridge, he was a charge-hand for Ansell's brewery, then a driver for Signs Specialists in Hockley. He died in January 2013.

IAN GIBSON

Midfielder Ian Gibson gained Scotland U-23 honours after leaving Bradford Park Avenue. Initially with Accrington Stanley, he joined Bradford in July 1959 and helped win promotion in 1960-61, netting 18 goals in 88 League games before moving to Middlesbrough for £20,000 in March 1962. He joined Coventry City for £57,500 in July 1966 and starred in their 1966-67 Second Division title triumph, reuniting with Jimmy Scoular at Cardiff City for £35,000 in July 1970. Moving to AFC Bournemouth in a joint £100,000 deal with Brian Clark in October 1972, he later had spells with

Berea Park, Gateshead and Whitby Town. He died in May 2016.

JIMMY SCoulAR

Former Scotland international wing-half Jimmy Scoular managed Bradford Park Avenue's 1960-61 promotion success. Signing professional for Portsmouth in December 1945, he helped them win two consecutive League Championships and moved to Newcastle United in June 1954. He captained their 1955 FA Cup final triumph, becoming Bradford Park Avenue's player-boss in January 1961. Scoring five goals in 108 League games, he was appointed Cardiff City's manager in June 1964. He led them to seven Welsh Cup final successes and the ECWC semi-finals in 1967-68. Later managing Newport County, he then scouted until his death in March 1998.

KEVIN HECTOR

Striker Kevin Hector was capped twice by England after leaving Bradford Park Avenue. Signing professional for Avenue in July 1962, he was top scorer on four occasions and netted 113 goals in 176 League games before moving to Derby County for £40,000 in September 1966. Starring as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69, then the League Championship in 1971-72 and 1974-75, he was leading marksman five times. He returned from a spell at Vancouver Whitecaps to set the Rams' appearance record. Moving to Gresley Rovers in September 1982, he later played for Burton Albion, Gresley again, Belper Town, Eastwood Town and Heanor.

MICK McGRATH

Republic of Ireland international central defender Mick McGrath gained the last four of his 22 caps while at Bradford Park Avenue. Starting with Home Farm, he joined Blackburn Rovers in August 1954 and was ever-present as they regained top-flight status and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1957-58. He was an FA Cup finalist in 1960 and represented the Football League, helping Rovers to reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1961-62. Moving to Bradford in March 1966, he had a spell as captain and scored twice in 50 League games for Park Avenue, becoming Bangor City's player-boss. He later coached Rovers' youth team and settled in Blackburn.

KENNY HIBBITT

Midfielder Kenny Hibbitt gained England U-23 honours after leaving Bradford Park Avenue. Bradford born, and the younger brother of Terry Hibbitt, he made 15 League appearances for Avenue, moving to Wolves in November 1968. He was a UEFA Cup finalist in 1972, then helped them to win the League Cup twice and Second Division title in 1976-77. Reuniting with Bobby Gould at Coventry City in August 1984, he followed him to Bristol Rovers in August 1986 where injury ended his career in February 1988. He joined their coaching staff, then managed Walsall,



Cardiff City and Hednesford Town and became a Premier League referees' assessor.

RAY CHARNLEY

England international centre-forward Ray Charnley ended his League career with Bradford Park Avenue. Initially with Bolton-le-Sands, he joined Morecambe in September 1954 and moved to Blackpool in May 1957. He starred as they took Luton Town to an FA Cup sixth round replay in 1958-59 and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1961-62. Leading scorer on seven occasions, he joined Preston in December 1967. He moved via Wrexham to Bradford in January 1969, scoring 15 goals in 59 League games while at Park Avenue, then rejoined Morecambe in June 1970. Later a painter and decorator in Blackpool, he died in November 2009.

MEL HOPKINS

Former Welsh international left-back Mel Hopkins was capped 34 times before joining Bradford Park Avenue. He turned professional with Tottenham Hotspur in May 1952 and made his international debut in April 1956. Featuring in the 1958 World Cup, he was a member of Spurs' 1960-61 'Double' squad and made over 200 First Division appearances prior to joining Brighton in October 1964. He helped win the Fourth Division title that season, then had spells with Ballymena and Canterbury City. Moving to Bradford in January 1969, he made 30 League appearances while at Park Avenue. He was later a sports officer and died in Worthing in October 2010.



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 of
Manchester

Last time we drew at home - 7th October
2017, 1-1 v Stockport County

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 United

Last time we lost away - 14th October
2017, 1-2 at Nuneaton Town

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 - 7th October 2017, 1-1 v Stockport
County

Last time we failed to score at home - 16th
September 2017, 0-3 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 - 14th October 2017, 1-2 at
Nuneaton Town

Last time we failed to score in an away
game - 30th September 2017, 0-1 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
- 14th October 2017, Dave Syers at
Nuneaton Town

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

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BY NEIL JENSEN

WAS fortunate to be at the recent Soccerex conference in Manchester where Non-League football came under the spotlight in a session featuring club chairmen and renowned Spanish football journalist Guillem Balague.

The timing of such a panel discussion was appropriate, for the much-publicised events at Billericay Town have commanded considerable attention and provided plenty of talking points. Billericay for the Football League? We have seen very bold ambitions coming from Non-League clubs in the past, notably in Essex where "crash and burn" stories are not uncommon – witness the tale of Grays Athletic.

Can a club of the size of Billericay reach and sustain a place in the Football League? There are reasons why a certain size of club does not naturally climb to that level, and many have found their natural home long ago. More often than not, that status will not change dramatically unless there is the sort of inflated investment that propels a club sky high. In some ways, it's no different to the big-time, where perpetual under-achievers Chelsea and Manchester City were suddenly thrust forward because of a massive shift in the financial structure of the club.

When the Football League was created in 1888, it was on the back of the industrial revolution with the clubs coming from Lancashire and the Midlands. The game was the recreation of the mill towns of the north and central England, so there was a certain logic in professionalism taking root amid the smoking

chimneys and factories.

Most became large towns and cities and generally, the pecking order in football has belonged to locations with sizeable populations, hence clubs like Manchester United and Liverpool have been "big" for decades. There are some remarkable exceptions, but there is some correlation between population and football success.

For football clubs to flourish, you [invariably] need critical mass, in terms of people who are interested in the club, and money. Some clubs have one or the other, but the real giants of the sport have both. You could also make a case that one needs the other, unless inflated investment creates a lop-sided model that can rarely go beyond the short-term. Unless you are an Oligarch, an oil-man or, in today's environment, from China, throwing in huge sums of money cannot be sustained.

If you look at the more recent Football League new boys, there are clubs from relatively small towns that have worked their way up the ladder – Fleetwood (26,000), Morecambe (35,000) and of course, the most curious case in Forest Green Rovers (8,000). Others such as Stevenage (88,000), Crawley (110,000), Cheltenham (117,000), Wycombe (124,000) and Accrington (55,000) play more to the theory that big towns equal bigger clubs.

Billericay has a population of 28,000 and is, essentially, a town of commuters, many of whom will have allegiances to London clubs. It's a nice, aspirational town whose football club has enjoyed success in the past,

especially in the 1970s when the FA Vase was won three times.

Automatic promotion has undoubtedly been good for ambitious clubs and a succession of new Football League members have been created since 1987 when Scarborough replaced Lincoln City. Not all have lasted the distance, but Non-League, over the past 50 years, has provided some wonderful moments for the Football League. Since 1967-68, the League has lost clubs like Wrexham, Aldershot, Workington, Barrow, York, Bradford Park Avenue, Torquay, Tranmere and Leyton Orient. At the same time, Non-League clubs like Barnet, Wigan, Cambridge United and Morecambe have all risen through the ranks. So the landscape can change and the amount of churn in the Football League proves that clubs can rise and fall. The question is, how should that be achieved – organically or artificially?

If, as pointed out at Soccerex, Non-League is "the essence of football", then surely creating something "artificial" goes against the grain? As we have seen in Europe this summer, paying vast sums of money for a player can trigger off a spiral that makes football even more of an unrealistic financial model than it currently is.

Some Non-League clubs are already paying far too much money to their players. The danger is that in pursuit of "the dream", a dangerous precedent could be set and the economics of Non-League football could be blown out of all proportion, and that would surely create more "crash and burn".

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Quakers were within minutes of a great three points on an emotional day at Blackwell Meadows.

There was a special feeling of togetherness about the day, following the departure of Martin Gray, and then the non-appointments of Brian Atkinson and Sean Gregan because of a conflict of interest just two days before the game.

So Phil Turnbull and Gary Brown were handed the caretaker manager duties for the game, and everyone got behind them as we started a new era.

KEY MOMENTS:

6 -- Phil did his best to add to the story by firing just wide early in the game

8 -- Dominic Collins headed a free kick into the keeper's hands.

32 -- Adam Bartlett tipped a Sam Walker free kick over the bar.

40 -- Stephen Thompson had a close range shot blocked

47 -- 1-0! Harvey Saunders was fouled on the right side of the penalty area, and the ball was whipped in by Terry Galbraith

into the near post where it went into the net off a defender.

69 -- Nearly 2-0. There was a great run by Stephen Thompson up the left into the area, and he pulled the ball back for Nathan Cartman, whose shot was saved by Hinchliffe.

75 -- Nearly 2-0 again! Harvey Saunders nearly made sure when he pounced on a poor back pass, but Hinchliffe smothered his shot.

90+1 1-1. Stockport's late pressure paid off, when Jason Oswell found space and slotted past Bartlett to spoil a fairytale start.

Darls: Bartlett, Marrs, Scott, Turnbull, Collins, Galbraith, Gillies, Portas (sub Wheatley 62), Cartman, Saunders, Thompson (sub Dawson 84)

Subs: Wilczynski, Vaulks, Syers

Bookings: Turnbull, Saunders.

Stockport: Hinchliffe, Cowan, Hampson, Winter (sub Ball 46), Smalley, O'Halloran (McKenna 78), Thomas (sub Dixon 83), Walker, Oswell, Stopforth, Duxbury

Subs: Ormson, Brazell,

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RESERVES



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PAUL ALDSWORTH

The reserves are still nicely in the hunt for the Wearside League title after a good 5-3 home win over Windscale last Saturday.

However, they had to pick themselves up to win the game after the Cumbrians had come back from 3-1 down to draw level at 3-3.

Nevertheless, at that point the victory put them sixth in the table, nine points behind leaders Hebburn Town Reserves with a game in hand, and full of confidence for the games ahead.

Again, the lads played some very good football, with Vinny Steele showing his potential with some good runs and two good goals.

Joint manager Paul Aldsworth said: "Defensively we weren't at our best, but attacking-wise we were fantastic. We got to 3-1 up, but then we let them back into the game. But Vinny Steele's goal to make it 4-3 took some of the pressure off us, and we held on for the win. We needed that victory because we haven't won for four games.

"I was pleased with the way that the players recovered at 3-3, because they hadn't been doing their jobs when it was 3-1. They got complacent, and I get annoyed when players become complacent. There were

some very good individual performances, the lads certainly have plenty of potential."

Windscale took an early lead with a good goal, but Quakers equalised with a good header by James Beauchamp.

They went 2-1 up when Tom Youngs finished off a good move with a shot into the bottom corner, and then it was 3-1 when Vinny Steel cut in and fired into the top corner.

But then Windscale got back into the game. Poor defending let them make it 3-2, and then a penalty for a foul by the Darlo keeper saw them equalise.

But then Steele beat a defender and fired into the top corner to make it 4-3 again, and Beauchamp dribbled through for 5-3 late in the game.

"I think the lads have played some great football this season, their passing and movement off the ball have been excellent at times," said Paul. "Sometimes they struggle with the physicality of Wearside League football, but the good thing is, they're learning all the time."

If you're not going to Blyth next Saturday, then why not pop along to Eastbourne and watch the reserves take on Sunderland West End, kick off 2pm?

HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

League leaders Harrogate Town saw their four-match winning run ended last weekend, in a surprising 2-1 home reverse in the FA Cup to Gainsborough Trinity.

Salford City slipped three points off the pace a fortnight ago with a 3-2 defeat against struggling Leamington. It was the Ammies' first defeat since the start of the season.

Third-placed Blyth Spartans made it six wins from their last seven league games with a 3-1 victory at Stockport. Late goals from Michael Liddle and Jarrett Rivers kept up Spartans' good form.

A second half collapse from Spennymoor last weekend against Curzon Ashton ended a run of three straight wins. Moors went down 4-2.

Fifth-placed Brackley, who are a point behind Spennymoor, were knocked out of the FA Cup by Isthmian League side Billericay in midweek.

York City were pegged back at a resurgent Leamington last weekend, with the Midlands side scoring twice late on to earn a 2-2 draw.

After five wins from their last six league games, Chorley took their good form into the FA Cup, winning 4-3 at Boston in a replay to set up a first round tie at home to League One Fleetwood.

Back-to-back defeats to FC United and Gainsborough have seen Tamworth drop out of the play-offs.

After a slow start to the season, Curzon Ashton have moved within a point of the play-off places after losing just one of their last eight.

Today's opponents Bradford PA, led by former Quaker Mark Bower, are a point further back after one defeat in nine league games.

Last week's defeat to Blyth means Stockport have taken just four points from their last

five games with the Hatters three points off the play-offs.

13th-placed Kidderminster sit below Darlington on goal difference and made the FA Cup 1st round by knocking out National League Premier side Chester.

Remarkably, AFC Telford have alternated between victory and defeat for their last 10 league matches. After winning their last league game, does that mean they're heading for defeat against North Ferriby today?

Alfreton may be eight positions below the play-off spots, but they're just four points adrift. Alfreton have taken only one point from their last three games.

Southport are in freefall after losing five games in a row, and six of their last seven (their only victory coming against Darlington).

Two wins in their last three have helped move Nuneaton four points clear of the drop zone.

Leamington's form has markedly improved in recent weeks, with the Midlands side unbeaten in their last five, with all those results coming against sides in the top half.

Boston have dropped to within one place and one point of the relegation zone after taking only a point from their last four games.

FC United ended a run of four straight defeats with victory over Tamworth three weeks ago. They followed that up with an entertaining 3-3 draw against bottom club North Ferriby.

Gainsborough Trinity moved within a point of safety after beating Tamworth a fortnight ago – their first win in six league games.

And continuing to prop up the division are North Ferriby, without a win in nine matches in all competitions and with only one league win all season.

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THE E X FACTOR

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

Neil Aspin has returned to his former club Port Vale as manager after leaving Gateshead.

The 52 year old made 348 appearances for Port Vale as a player, before he moved to Quakers in 1999, and he was in the team that was beaten in that emotional play off at Wembley in 2000.

After successful spells at Harrogate Town and Halifax, he was Gateshead boss for two years, and when previous manager Michael Brown was sacked after a poor start to the season - Vale were third bottom of League Two - Aspin was immediately installed as favourite and then appointed.

"It has been a long time and I always hoped that I would come back at some stage in my career," he said. "There has been a lot of water under the bridge since I was here before, but it's great to be back and I'm looking forward to it.

"It's something I want to get my teeth into, I know that it's a big job, a difficult one. I'm here for the right reasons, because it's a club I love and the supporters were great to me when I was here. I just want to do all I can now to get us away from the foot of the table.

"The club has a special pull because I was here for ten years as a player. Any job in management is a risk and this is because I'm leaving a job to come in.

"You look across at managers and some don't last very long, but it's something I've aimed



NEIL ASPIN

for ever since I left professional football and went into non-league, wanting to manage in the Football League."

Amar Purewal had to play as an emergency keeper in West Auckland's 2-2 home draw with Stockton Town on 7th October.

Amar took over in goal after Adam McHugh was dismissed for a foul and then arguing with the referee following a penalty award. He had no chance with the penalty - which was taken by another former Darlo player **Nathan Mulligan** - and he had no chance again with a late equaliser.

McHugh's subsequent suspension, and an injury to West's other keeper - former Darlo player **Craig Turns** - saw them sign **Mark Bell** in time for their 3-0 away win at West Alloment last Saturday.

James Walshaw scored twice as Farsley Celtic beat Nantwich Town 2-0 in the EvoStik Premier on 7th October.

Liam Hardy scored the winning goal for Buxton against Marine in the EvoStik Premier on 7th October, his 68th goal for the club in his two spells there.

Paul Weldon, who was part of our squad in the EvoStik Premier winning season, is now at Newton Aycliffe, and he scored the winner for them in their 2-1 home win over Ryhope CW a fortnight ago.

Brian Close has left West Auckland and joined Guisborough in the Northern League first division, and he scored in their 3-2 away defeat at Team Northumbria a fortnight ago.

Andy Johnson scored Bishop Auckland's goal in their surprise 1-1 draw at leaders Morpeth a fortnight ago. It was his fifth goal of the season.



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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



We said goodbye to Mark Cooper as manager six years ago this week, Quakers' boss sacked after what had been a disappointing start to the Conference season.

His final game was a 3-1 loss at Braintree Town, Raj Singh axing the manager with Darlington 14th in the table.

The news came 170 days since Cooper had led Darlington to Wembley glory in the final of the FA Trophy final.

He is pictured a month before the Braintree match, during a game at Cambridge United when he had been sent to the stands in a 2-0 defeat.



DAVID SYERS HEADS
TOWARDS GOAL IN LAST
SATURDAY'S 2-1 DEFEAT
AT NUNEATON
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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What kind of animal is an oryx?
2. Which part of your body is your gluteus maximus?
3. Who directed the Wallace and Grommit series of films?
4. What is the second longest river in the United Kingdom?
5. Who is the lead singer of Dexy's Midnight Runners?
6. Which car manufacturer used to produce a model called the 'Senator'?
7. How many years of marriage are celebrated by your ruby anniversary?
8. Which of the lakes in Cumbria did Donald Campbell use for several water speed record attempts?
9. In the nursery rhyme Sing a Song of Sixpence what was the Queen doing in the parlour?
10. Which singer who started his pop career in the 60s had a hit in 1986 with 'Higher Love'?
11. Children's TV: Who lived in Ten Acre Field at Scatterbrooke Farm?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. For which League 2 club does former Quakers forward Curtis Main now play?
13. Which is the only team to have had two players sent off in the same World Cup Final?
14. Who is the current manager of Forest Green Rovers?
15. True or false: Enrique Iglesias was once on the books of Real Madrid as a goalkeeper.
16. Which football club does comedian Frank Skinner support?
17. Supermodel Jodie Kidd has represented England at which sport?
18. What caused the cancellation of the Cheltenham Festival in 2001?
19. Who are the only three Welsh winners of the World Snooker Championships?
20. What was significant about Jack Johnson's victory in the 1908 World Heavyweight bout against Tommy Burns?
21. What took place for the first time in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1875?
22. How many separate bets are involved in a yankee?

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 remembers the 3-0 away win at Hull City on 25th October 1947.

1947/48 was the second season of League Football after the Second World War. Darlington had finished the previous season, 1946/47, in 17th place in the Division Three North table and were looking to improve. They would have to do so with basically the same squad of players though as manager Bill Forrest had only made one significant signing during the summer, bringing in left winger Cliff Chadwick from Hull City.

The club made an inconsistent start to the 47/48 season. Their first four home games resulted in one draw and three defeats, and it was October 18th before they registered a home win, 3-1 against Accrington Stanley. Away from Feethams was a much happier story. Wins at Gateshead, York and Tranmere and a draw at Chester kept the Quakers safely away from the scrap at the foot of the table. By the time they visited Hull City on October 25th they were positioned 17th in the table with 10 points from their 12 games so far. Their opponents, Hull City, sat proudly on top of the table with 18 points from 13 games. Their excellent defensive record had taken them to the top on goal average – City only having conceded nine goals in the season so far. They were sure to provide stiff

opposition as they were in a great run of form, 7 games unbeaten with 13 goals scored and two conceded. City had won their latest game 1-0 at Gateshead on the previous Saturday and would make one change to their starting eleven to face the Quakers. New signing Jim Bloxham, signed from Atherton Colliery on the Friday, would make his debut on the right wing in place of Martin Reagan. Left winger Alan Daley had been been doubtful due to an injury picked up at Gateshead but was fit to play. Darlington stuck with the same eleven that had beaten Accrington a week earlier. First choice full back John Eves was still unavailable with a septic toe, so Tom Kelly would continue at right back, with Robert Dodds deputising for Kelly at right half. Left winger Cliff Chadwick would be facing his old team mates.

An impressive crowd of 26,240 turned out at Boothferry Park, keen to see Hull City continue their good run and extend their lead at the top of the table, in what should be a comfortable home win for the league leaders. As expected, City made a strong start, but the Quakers defence stood firm. Their only early scare came when a clever pass by George Richardson played in Norman Moore, but he

shot wide, across the goal. Darlington hit back and after a good run and cross by Jack Saunders, Tom Varty headed against the angle of upright and crossbar. Moments later, Varty went close again when he cut through the home defence and fired in a shot that brought City keeper Peter Atkinson to his knees. It was end to end stuff and Quakers' Ken Bower went close when he beat two defenders and fired in a shot that deflected for a corner off Atkinson's body as the keeper threw himself at the onrushing centre forward. The Quakers were now starting to take control of the game and put the home defence under severe pressure. Chadwick fired in a shot from out wide that was comfortably saved by Atkinson, then Dodds put in a fierce drive that went only just wide of the post. The Hull goal had another narrow escape when Chadwick nearly intercepted a back pass by Norman Fowler, but the home keeper just beat him to the ball and cleared. Robert Sinclair had the next possible chance from long range, but shot high over the bar.

Darlington eventually grabbed the lead that their enterprising play deserved after 35 minutes. Play progressed down the left wing as Varty played in



Chadwick, who crossed into the box. Ken Bower beat Atkinson to the ball at the far post and cleverly worked it around the keeper and turned it into the net. Hull stormed back and Norman Tapken, in the Darlington goal, had his most serious work of the afternoon as he saved first from Berry and then Richardson. The Quakers had an injury scare at the end of the first half as Chadwick suffered a heavy challenge and had to be carried from the field. Half time – Hull City 0 Darlington 1.

The Darlington supporters in the crowd were relieved to see Chadwick resume in the second half in his usual position. With the wind at their backs, the Quakers were soon on the attack again. Bower had a shot blocked, then Varty put in a cross shot that flew just over the bar. Hull offered

very little in attack and the Darlington defence had little difficulty in checking their efforts. On 71 minutes, the Quakers increased their lead. Chadwick took the ball down the left wing and centred to Sinclair, who fired in a shot that was blocked by Atkinson. The ball rebounded to Bower who drove it home for goal number two. Two minutes later Varty headed home brilliantly from a Sinclair cross to put the result beyond any doubt. The league leaders had been well beaten on their own ground and could have no complaints about the result.

The unexpected 3-0 victory lifted the Quakers up to 14th

place in the table. They had now secured nine points from their first eight away games – already one more point than they had gained away from home in the whole of the previous season. The Quakers eventually finished the season in 16th place with 39 points from their 42 games, one place higher and three points better off than the previous year.

Hull City produced a 12 page programme for the 47/48 season, priced at 3d. The team line ups were on the centre pages.

Team v Hull City : 1 Norman Tapken 2 Tom Kelly 3 Joe Davison 4 Robert Dodds 5 Jack Saunders 6 Wilf Parsley 7 Robert Sinclair 8 Charlie Stubbs 9 Ken Bower 10 Tom Varty 11 Cliff Chadwick.

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The Darlington squad, including all the youth players.

Darlington Youth

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The lads have done so well for the club this season that 48 of them have been chosen for their home districts all over the north east!

Under 11s: Darlington District: Ben Jordison and Reuben Scotter.

Under 12s: Middlesbrough District: Charlie Drury

Under 13s: Darlington District: Christopher Walters, Jo Crumpton, Nathan Dybell, Callum Moncur

Under 14s: Darlington District: Lewis Johnston, Sam Pocock, Thomas Blackham, James Morley, Kieron Dixon.

Redcar District: Matty Cotterill, Frankie Whelan, Connor Brown, Dan Bean, Ryan Walker

Middlesbrough Direct: Kia Wright, Finn Dixon, Colby Agnamma

Hartlepool District: Thomas Lea

Richmond District: Matty Callender

Under 15s: Richmond District: Callum Wilson, Uchenna Anyddegwu, Oscar Luck, James Metcalfe

Bishop Auckland District: Liam Wynn, Dylan Lewis, Patrick Clarke

Darlington District: Kieron Longstaff, Dan Smith, Tyler Godfrey

Middlesbrough District

North Yorkshire District: Bailey Proudlock

Under 16s: Darlington District: Lewis Alderson, Luca Petrides

Cleveland County District: Nathan Walls, Brandon Morrison

North Yorkshire County: Joseph Chisholm, Kieron Greenway

County Durham: Adam Dovaston, Coleby Shepherd

Chester-le-Street District: Euan Bowman

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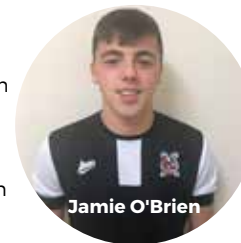
The head of youth, Paul Thomas, said; "It's fantastic that so many youngsters have been picked for their districts. Lads are chosen for the district in which they live, and they're from all over the north east, such as Darlington, Bishop Auckland, North Yorkshire, Middlesbrough, Hambleton and Northumberland.

"If they do well for their districts, then in turn the lads can play for their counties, and if they do well for their counties, then they can be chosen for their countries."

One lad in particular, Jamie O'Brien, has been chosen for England Schoolboys after impressing for the club's Under 18s this season. He goes to St George's Park for a training camp soon.

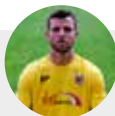
The club is running at least one team at every age level this season, all the way through from Under 6s to Under 18s.

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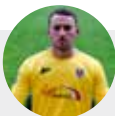
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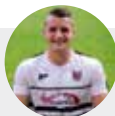
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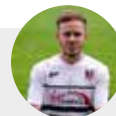
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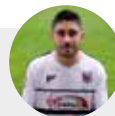
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DFCSG ^{>> BY NEIL RAPER} *notes*

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Bradford Park Avenue, who in their Football League days were regular opponents of the Quakers until they failed to be re-elected in 1970 and were replaced by Cambridge United. Managed by former Darlington player, Mark Bower, Park Avenue have made a good start to the season and are only two points outside a play-off position.

Fundraising Update – Seating Phase 2 of 3

Many thanks indeed for all your pledges towards the procurement of the additional seats. The offer closed at the end of last month 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 continued the amazing achievement of the fans hitting every single fundraising target which has been put before them.

The Football Club has placed the order for the seats and if everything goes to plan, they should be installed in time for the match against York City on Saturday 6 January 2018. Although initially the seats will be without a roof they will still improve the matchday experience at Blackwell Meadows.

So now we move on to the next phase of fundraising. This time we need £50,000 by 31 December to 'Raise the Roof'. However, by hitting the Community Share target for the seats means that the sum collected via the Ground Development fund (currently £6,201) can be rolled forwards towards this target. 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.

We are also working on a few additional fundraising ideas to complement the Ground Development Fund and the Community Share scheme. So as they say, watch this space!

Darlo fans raise over £500 for Prostate Cancer UK

Sue Boyes, who is the Support Group Development Officer for Prostate Cancer

UK, has written to DFCSG board member Rob Duncan who, along with fellow board member Lyn Jasper, arranged for a collection for the charity. Sue has asked us to pass on her heartfelt thanks to Darlo fans who raised over £500 at the Stockport County match.



"I would like to say a massive thank you to Darlington FC supporters and all of the staff for making us feel so welcome. Especially Lynn who went out of her way to make sure we were introduced to all the right people on the day. We raised an amazing £525 which was way above what we had hoped to achieve. There was a real buzz about the afternoon. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the club as they prepare for their club to club walk next year." Well done everyone, you are a credit to the club!

Prostate Cancer UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1005541) and in Scotland (SC039332). Registered company number 2653887.

Foodbank Collection

As with every year, Quakers fans came out in force to contribute to the collection for the foodbank at the Stockport match and Caroline Todd, Manager of the Kings' Foodbank has been in touch:

"As you can see from the picture we had the most fabulous day in way of donations, along with the hospitality of the club. We just want to say a huge Thank You to everyone who donated to the Foodbank, either in the way



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of food or money, as some supporters did. Although they forgot to bring donations, they contributed by giving financially, either way is such a blessing

"The supporters brought in such a lot of donations that we were able to totally fill the two large 'bins' that we brought along, with most bringing a carrier bag full of food, but it was also fun watching supporters pulling food out of coat and trousers pockets!

"We are always extremely very grateful for every donation that we receive, especially in these challenging times, and it just shows the very 'Heart' of people who want to help others who are less fortunate. We are currently giving out over 1000+ meals per week, and every donation that we receive helps us to make up the 'well-balanced' bags of food that we are able to give out, and we just could not deliver this vital



service without the ongoing support of donors.

"Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of the Foodbank.

Many Blessings,
Caroline Todd,
Manager, King's Foodbank.

If you are one of those fans that forgot to bring their 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. As Caroline has mentioned above, they are currently distributing a lot of food every week, so donations of food are always gratefully received.

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 Blyth Spartans on Saturday 28 October, departing at noon and to Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday 11 November, departing at 10am. The fare to Blyth Spartans is £12, and £20 to Kidderminster 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.darlingtonfc supportersgroup.org/?page=fanstravel>



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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



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

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.



QUAKER

with Lynn Jasper

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Bradford Park Avenue. I'm hoping we can get back to winning ways today and have a new manager to guide us to victory. Come on Darlo!

Away Shirts

Avec had to reorder some more away shirts in Large, XL and XXL and I'm pleased to tell you that they arrived at Avec last week. Avec have been adding the Virgin Trains logo on the front and hopefully we will have them for you to buy today. Just a little reminder about our kits, if you buy a full kit of either home or away it costs £47 for juniors and £57 for adults and if you are buying online there is a £5 postage charge on the full kit as a special offer. You can of course just buy the shirt on its own which is £30 for juniors and £35 for adults.

Autumn into Winter

Well it's certainly starting to feel more autumnal now and when the clocks alter those dark nights will be

upon us. I've already mentioned our range of hoodies in the last couple of programmes so now it's time to introduce you to our Winter warmers for those chilly days at Blackwell Meadows.

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Our bench coats are identical to our padded



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jackets except they are longer in length and sit below the knee. Our bench coats are priced this year at £60 and are available in all sizes except for Medium which is available in November.

Rain jackets



If it's a lighter coat you are looking for then our rain jackets are ideal. Water resistant, with a full zip and tuck away hood. Our rain jackets are available in black or red and cost £35.

Gilet

If you don't like a full length coat but want an extra layer then a gilet might be ideal for you. Available in all sizes in black or claret our gilets are stylish, durable and have a detachable hood. They have a light fill polyester lining, a full zip and an elasticated hem. They can be worn over a long sleeved midlayer to give extra warmth. They are priced at £38.

Well, that's all from me today except to say let's give the lads the same support as we did at the last home game. I'm sure they appreciated it and let's help them to gain a much needed win.



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On This Day

In this series, we look back at Darlington matches that were played on the corresponding day through the years.

October 20th 1997

Division Three

Darlington 5 Doncaster Rovers 1, attendance 2451

This was a comfortable win for Quakers against bottom club Doncaster at Feethams, although we had to wait until the second half to take full control of the game.

Glenn Naylor put us in the lead after 42 minutes, only for Prince Moncrieffe to equalise just on half time.

But we took command with two goals by Jason De Vos, then Carl Shutt and Simon Shaw added more goals in the last five minutes.

We included Simon Davey, who was later to have a brief spell as manager, in our team.

Preece, Devos, Shaw, Hope, Crosby, Barnard (sub Atkinson 83), Davey, Roberts (sub Dörner 78), Naylor, Shutt, Lowe (sub Brumwell 86)

October 26th 2002

League Two

Exeter City 0 Darlington 4

Mick Tait had taken over as manager from Tommy Taylor just a few days earlier, and he couldn't have asked for a better start to his time in charge.

Quakers had won only three times in their 16 league and cup matches so far that season, but we turned the form book on its head.

Craig Liddle, a firm fans' favourite, put Quakers into the lead on 35 minutes, then Matt Clarke, who had come on as a sub for the injured Stuart Whitehead, made it 2-0. Barry Conlon



MICK TAIT

made it 3-0, and Ashley Nicholls finished Exeter off.

Collett, Betts, Valentine, Liddle, Whitehead (sub Clarke 23), Campbell (sub Wainwright 80), Keltie, Clark (sub Naylor 87), Hodgson, Nicholls, Conlon.

Subs not used: Porter, Ford

October 13th 2007

League Two

Darlington 4 Stockport County 0, attendance 3841

Darlington striker Tommy Wright, who had been signed by manager Dave Penney the previous season, made quite an impact at the start of the 2007-08 season, and he scored two of the goals in this 4-0 win. He pounced on a mistake by the keeper for the opening goal, then headed home a cross by Martin Smith later in the game.

Record signing Julian Joachim was also on the scoresheet, along with Gregg Blundell.

The result put Quakers second in the table, behind leaders MK Dons.

Oakes, Ryan (sub Ravenhill 35), Foster, White, Cummins, Purdie, Keltie, Smith, Joachim, Green (sub Blundell 76), Wright

Subs not used: Brooks-Meade, Miller, Barrau

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. Antelope 2. Buttocks/Bottom 3. Nick Park 4. Thames 5. Kevin Rowland 6. Vauxhall 7. Forty 8. Lake Coniston 9. Eating bread and honey 10. Steve Winwood 11. Wozzel Gummidge

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. Portsmouth 13. Argentina (1990) 14. Mark Cooper 15. False, it was his Dad, Julio 16. WBA 17. Polo 18. Foot and mouth disease 19. Ray Reardon, Terry Griffiths and Mark Williams 20. He was the first Black boxing world champion 21. Kentucky Derby 22. Eleven



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	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Harrogate Town	13	10	2	1	37	13	32	+24
2	Salford City	13	9	2	2	22	10	29	+12
3	Blyth Spartans	14	9	0	5	37	25	27	+12
4	Spennymoor Town	14	7	3	4	28	20	24	+8
5	Brackley	13	6	5	2	20	10	23	+10
6	York City	14	6	4	4	23	17	22	+6
7	Chorley	13	6	3	4	16	13	21	+3
8	Tamworth	13	6	2	5	20	19	20	+1
9	Curzon Ashton	15	5	5	5	20	25	20	-5
10	Bradford PA	13	5	4	4	17	16	19	+1
11	Stockport County	14	5	3	6	25	20	18	+5
12	Darlington	15	4	6	5	19	18	18	+1
13	Kidderminster	13	5	3	5	19	19	18	0
14	AFC Telford United	13	6	0	7	19	24	18	-5
15	Alfreton Town	13	5	2	6	21	20	17	+1
16	Southport	13	5	2	6	17	25	17	-8
17	Nuneaton Town	14	4	3	7	20	26	15	-6
18	Leamington	14	4	3	7	17	26	15	-9
19	Boston United	13	3	3	7	16	25	12	-9
20	FC United	13	3	2	8	19	27	11	-8
21	Gainsborough Trinity	13	3	2	8	18	27	11	-9
22	North Ferriby	13	1	3	9	7	32	6	-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	14	0	1	0	0	0	22	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	1	1	0	0	0	72	3	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	5	1	0	0	1	0	83	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	9	2	1	0	1	0	9	2	1	0	1	0
Dominic Collins	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	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	14	0	1	0	2	0	181	14	15	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	14	0	1	0	4	0	43	8	3	0	14	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	7	1	1	0	0	0	36	3	4	0	0	0
Tom Portas	5	3	0	0	0	0	83	17	7	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	2	10	0	0	1	0	2	21	0	0	3	0
Leon Scott	3	7	0	0	0	0	158	36	14	1	20	0
David Syers	8	3	1	0	2	0	27	12	2	1	11	0
Stephen Thompson	9	3	0	0	0	0	203	12	14	3	68	6
Phil Turnbull	15	0	1	0	0	0	95	1	3	1	1	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	3	3	1	0	1	0	3	3	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0



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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 (also FA Cup 4Q)	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																					
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 1st leg)	H																					
Sat Mar 24th	AFC Telford United (also FA Trophy semi final 2nd leg)	A																					
Sat Mar 31st	Southport	H																					
Mon Apr 2nd	Spennymoor Town	A																					
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Sun May 6th	play off semi final																						
Sat May 12th	play off final																						

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Coniscliffe News

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Berties

Sweeny's Barbers

Red lion

Quaker House

The George

J&G Deli

Brittania

Mulholland&Son Butchers

Half Moon

Craig Shields Fruit & Veg

Railway Tavern

The Diner

Alliance Cafe

Robin Blair Fruit & Veg

Harrowgate

Shanie's Barbers (under covered market)

Hill shop

Cockerton Village Shops

Vapemaster

Alderson Butchers

Terry Andrews butchers

Cockerton Fisheries

Laundrette

Co Op

Salisbury tc

Glad News

Salisbury tc

Village Opticians

Glad News

Travellers Rest

Jigsaw

Turks Head

Turks Head

Cockerton Library

Lavas Barbers

J Maddison Barbers

Art shop

SLC Barbers

Beeswing inn

Pound Plus

E.cowton shop

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Harrowgate Hill shop	Shanie's Barbers (under covered market)
Vapemaster	Cockerton Village Shops
Terry Andrews butchers	Alderson Butchers
Laundrette	Cockerton Fisheries
Salisbury tc	Co Op
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BRADFORD PARK AVENUE LAST PLAYED IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN SEASON 1969-70, WHICH IS WHEN THE DARLINGTON TEAM PICTURE ABOVE IS FROM - HOW MANY OF THE FACES DO YOU RECOGNISE?

THE SEASON SAW QUAKERS BEAT BRADFORD 1-0 HOME AND AWAY, KEN HALE SCORING THE GOAL IN EACH FIXTURE. HE MISSED ONLY ONE LEAGUE MATCH ALL SEASON AND ENDED THE CAMPAIGN AS TOP SCORER WITH EIGHT.

QUAKERS FINISHED 22ND IN DIVISION FOUR, ABOVE HARTLEPOOL UNITED AND BOTTOM-OF-THE-TABLE BPA, WHO WERE REPLACED BY CAMBRIDGE UNITED.



>TODAY'S TEAMS



DARLINGTON

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



BRADFORD PA

STEVEN DRENCH	
ED HALL	
LUKE HAVERN	
MATT HILL	
GRAHAM KELLY	
RYAN TOULSON	
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JAMES KNOWLES	
MARK ROSS	
JAVAN VIDAL	
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JAMIE SPENCER	
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NICKY CLEE	
CAMERON LYN	
ADAM BOYES	
OLI JOHNSON	
LEE KNIGHT	



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> Match officials:

Referee: Gareth Rhodes
Assistant referees: James Westgate and Michael Burrows

> Next home matches:

Saturday 4th November
Brackley, kick off 3pm
Saturday 18th November
Tamworth, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 28th October
Blyth Spartans, kick off 3pm
Saturday 11th November
Kidderminster, kick off 3pm

> Today's other games:

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

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