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>> WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows for today's Vanarama National League North game versus Blyth Spartans.

Alun Armstrong and Darren Holloway are two individuals that I'm familiar with from when I first signed at Darlington. They have both done a great job at Blyth and despite a slight wobble of late, they still find themselves in with a very good chance of making the play offs. With former players returning to Darlington today as well as their top goalscorer Dan Maguire returning to fitness, it's all set to be a good derby game.

We come into this game undefeated in three games which is a positive, but we all know it could and should be more. That is the bigger positive for me, we are more than matching top sides and we will have to once again today.

The bottom half of the table is very tight and the margins of error are even tighter. To think that if we had got a point apiece against York and Salford, the extra two against Alfreton and Chorley, we would be sitting here today seven points off the playoffs and going into today's game against the team sitting in seventh place and being in a position to possibly cut the deficit to four. Fortunes can turn very quickly in football, you only have to look at the runs that Boston and FC United in particular have put together as they have climbed into midtable. There is no reason that can't be us.

Last Saturday we dedicated the win to the travelling fans. It's amazing that we take so many fans with us away from home and it makes me very proud when we are complimented on it by the opposition.

I've been on that side of the fence when you only get gates of three or four hundred and the away team bring a big following like we do. It helps the cash flow, but it kills your home advantage, so let's keep making these away games feel like home games!

Obviously Thommo was the hero and I was delighted for him getting his hat-trick, he has been different class since I walked through the door.

A special mention must go to the impact of the three substitutes from Saturday in David Syers, Phil Turnbull and James Caton - they went onto the pitch and wanted to make an impression and impact the game which they did. That's what you need as a manager and in any good side.

We have fourteen games to go and everyone in the squad will play their part. This season hasn't turned out to be the one we all wanted but there have been strides made off the pitch thanks to Chief Executive David Johnson, the board of Directors, the Supporters Group and you as fans.

The Club is in a better place financially, we have managed to bring fresh faces in to improve the squad and those players have started to gel with the quality that we knew we already had. I'm delighted with the business we have managed to do and thank the club for backing me with that.

Make some noise today and cheer the lads on. Be the twelfth man once again....

Tommy

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Captain's notes

>> WITH REECE STYCHE



Hello!

I thought we put in a very good performance last week, especially in the second half when we were 2-1 down.

In a strange sort of way, I thought their goal for 2-1 had a negative effect on them because that led to the introduction of Cates and Twinny and they certainly changed the game. Twinny controlled the tempo of the game after that, while I was delighted that Cates made a great impact. He felt that he had a point to prove, and that was something I could empathise with, as I was in a similar situation to him when I was at Kidderminster. He showed everyone what he's about and what he can offer.

I thought we showed how strong our character really is last Saturday. We're a close-knit group, and a lot of the lads have played together now for quite a while, so everyone knows how to stick together.

I thought Thommo produced a stand-out performance. He showed how good he is when he gets hold of the ball, runs at people and gets in a shot at goal. He's played in a few different positions for us, but it really suits him when he's playing further up the pitch. He took all his goals really well, he was certainly pretty cool when he scored the winner.

The win certainly gave everyone a boost, and the dressing room was a really happy place to be in afterwards. Everyone has been really looking forward to today's game, and I know that we want revenge for our defeat there earlier in the season.

I wasn't at Darlington that day, but I was in the Tamworth team that lost to them at their place. Blyth passed the ball around well, but we didn't defend well against them and gave some poor goals away. I managed to score twice, so hopefully I can get one today, but I really don't mind who scores, as long as we win.

Our form is on the up now. We looked really solid defensively at Leamington, and our midfield and attack used the ball to really good effect.

So let's hope that we can extend our unbeaten run to four matches this afternoon!

Enjoy the game!

Reece



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Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

Blyth Spartans, one of the most famous names in non league football, are our visitors today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Blyth were founded in September 1899 and joined the East Northumberland League in 1901
- They joined the Northern Alliance in 1907, and then the semi professional North Eastern League in 1913 of which Quakers were also members.
- They briefly joined the Midland League in 1958 after the North Eastern League folded, and they were founder members of the Northern Counties League in 1961
- They went back to the re-formed North Eastern League, but the league folded again after two seasons.
- They joined the Northern League in 1964 and went on to win the Championship 10 times before taking promotion to the Northern Premier League in the 1993-94 season
- They famously reached the fifth round of the FA Cup in 1977-78 beating Chesterfield and Stoke en route before losing in a replay against Wrexham that was played at St James' Park in front of over 42,000 fans.
- In total, they have played in the first round proper of the FA Cup on 32 occasions, and they have reached the FA Cup third round twice in the last decade, making that achievement four times in their history. Current Darlo defender Gary Brown was in their squad when they reached the third round against Blackburn in 2008/09, and they had a run in 2014/15 which included a televised 2-1 victory at Hartlepool United in the second round, before they lost to Birmingham in the third round.
- They have twice won the Northern Premier League Premier Division in 2005-06 and 2016-17 to gain promotion into the National North. Their first stay in National League North lasted six seasons.

BLYTH SPARTANS 2017/18 STATS

- They are the second highest scorers in the division behind Harrogate with 58 goals.
- They have conceded the most goals of any side in the top ten, 46.
- They have won as many games away from home as at Croft Park in the league, seven.
- They are the only side in the division to be involved in five matches with at least six goals in it.

- Dan Maguire is Blyth's top scorer with 14 goals.
- Their draw with FC United of Manchester two weeks was their first draw in the league this season.

LAST SIX GAMES

27/01/2018 Boston United (A) Lost 2-1
 23/01/2018 Alfreton Town (H) Lost 1-0
 20/01/2018 FC United of Manchester (H) Drew 1-1

Blyth Spartans

13/01/2018 Bromley (H) Lost 4-1 FA Trophy
 06/01/2018 Gainsborough Trinity (H) Won 4-0

01/01/2018 Spennymoor(A) Lost 3-1

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 Northern Premier League - Points 101 Position 1st (Promoted)

2015/16 Northern Premier League - Points 99 Position 2nd

2014/15 Northern Premier League - Points 79 Position 6th

2013/14 Northern Premier League - Points 72 Position 8th

2012/13 Northern Premier League - Points 51 Position 16th

2011/12 National North - Points 34 Position 21st (Relegated)

LAST MATCH

BOSTON UNITED 2 BLYTH SPARTANS 1

Spartans first real bit of danger to deal with came in the 11th minute when Damer Mullen and David Atkinson bravely blocked efforts from Thompson.

On the half-hour mark, Blyth almost took the lead with Dale Hopson witnessing his goal-bound shot superbly blocked before his second attempt was blazed into the stand.

The first half went down as a low-key affair, though it did present its fair bit of controversy in the 39th minute. Sean Reid fell to ground under the challenge from Pilgrims keeper Jon Stewart - which led to referee Woods pointing to the spot.

However, after going over to consult his assistant, the decision was overturned and Blyth had to settle for a corner.

It was the pace of Rollins, Hemmings and Thompson that caused Blyth problems - gaining their rewards when Thompson earned a 61st-minute penalty for Boston. Nathan Buddle brought down the striker and Ashley Hemmings was left to dispatch his spot kick straight down the middle.

Eight minutes later, Spartans reacted through Robbie Dale's deflected effort with Stewart doing well to parry the shot behind. But the visitors weren't to be denied for any longer with Maguire on-hand to level the scores in the 76th minute. Watson aimed his cross onto the head of Dan Maguire - the initial effort was directly at Stewart but Maguire stayed alert to tap home the rebound.

The early signs after the equaliser were positive for Spartans in the search for a possible winner, but substitute Kabongo Tshimanga ended any hopes of that. A shot was cannoned at goal that Jameson could only parry and Tshimanga swept up the loose ball.

Blyth Spartans: Jameson, Atkinson, Liddle, Mullen, Buddle, I. Watson, Rivers, Reid, Maguire, Hopson (Wrightson, 65), Dale.

Subs not used: Laidler, McTiernan, Rutherford, MacDonald

Manager - Alun Armstrong

Manager Armstrong had a decorated playing professional playing career including a spell in League Two with ourselves. He played over 150 times

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

Blyth Spartans



for Stockport County, before being a part of the Middlesbrough side that won promotion to the Premier League. Possibly the highlight of his career saw him score the winning goal against Inter Milan for Ipswich Town in the 2001/02 UEFA Cup. He had two spells with ourselves playing over 60 times for us between 2004 and 2007. In total he made over 350 professional appearances. He took over as manager at Croft Park in September and has taken the side into the playoff places.

Daniel Maguire

Maguire is without doubt the main danger man for Spartans with a quite incredible scoring record for the club. He has had a 20 goal season on four occasions and is well on his way to

making that five. Last season he scored 37 times to help fire the club to promotion. In total he has made over 150 appearances for the club and scored over 100 goals.

Robbie Dale



Robbie is one of Blyth's longest serving players over two spells. He was an instant hit on his debut in 2005, scoring a

hat trick against Wakefield and Emley, and since then has been the club's leading scorer in a season on several occasions. One of his most famous goals was against Birmingham City in the FA Cup third round in 2015, and he has been labelled as one of the best players to have never played professionally.

Jarrett Rivers

Jarrett shot to fame as the player who fired Hartlepool out of the FA Cup in season 2014-15, when Blyth, then in the EvoStik League, won 2-1 at Victoria Park.



He started his career at Middlesbrough, and after he was freed had a brief spell at Whitley Bay before joining Blyth. His winner at Hartlepool helped him to get a transfer to Blackpool where he spent a season before returning to Blyth in the summer of 2016.

BLYTH SPARTANS- LAST SEASON

After just missing out on the EvoStik League title the previous year to ourselves, Blyth were always going to be up there again the following season and they could not be stopped.

Early in the 2016/17 season, Tom Wade resigned with former professional footballer Alun Armstrong taking over the managerial position.

The club announced on September 22nd 2016 that the former Ipswich striker was appointed as manager following Tom Wade's resignation. The club managed two 12-game runs without recording a single defeat. In the first one, which lasted

from the beginning of 2017 until the dying days of February, the Spartans won all of their twelve games, scoring 44 goals and conceding a mere 11.

At this point the lead in the table was enormous and they coasted towards the league title which they clinched at home against Halesowen Town with three games to spare. Blyth finished in first place with 101 points, two more than the previous season and 14 ahead of the runners-up.

The EvoStik Northern Premier League title was Armstrong's first title as a manager, followed just a few days later by his second, the Northumberland Senior Cup, whose final was a replay of the previous year's, this time ending in a 3-2 win for the Spartans.

The success achieved by the club in the 2016-17 season meant that the Spartans were once again promoted to the National League North, five years after their relegation in 2012.

Squad

Manager: Alun Armstrong

Player/Assistant manager: Neal Hooks, Darren Holloway

Goalkeepers: Peter Jameson, Shaun MacDonald

Defenders: Nathan Buddle, David Atkinson, Dylan McGlade, Ian Watson, Andrew Cartwright, Michael Liddle, Jordan Watson, Ryan Hutchinson

Midfielders: David McTiernan, Damien Mullen, Sean Reid, Neal Hooks, Adam Wrightson, Lewis Horner, Robbie Dale, Dale Hopson, Greg Rutherford, Jordan Laidler, Dan Maguire, Jarrett Rivers



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>> BY **DAVID JOHNSTON**



Good afternoon everyone.

First of all, I'd like to express the club's thanks and gratitude to our loyal band of supporters who cleared the pitch of snow for our last home game against Chorley a fortnight ago.

As you can see by the picture on the front page of today's programme, it really was an amazing sight to see so many people brandishing shovels and pushing wheelbarrows in order to remove the snow, and everyone can be really proud of themselves for what they achieved. As it proved, our game was one of just a handful that took place in the north east that day, and at least everyone was rewarded with a point, but it could so easily have been all three.

Our luck finally turned at Leamington last week, when Stephen Thompson scored a last minute winner to give us all three points after we were 2-1 down at one point.

I was delighted for everyone concerned, and especially our management team who have been working really hard over recent weeks to get positive results. Tommy has been using a lot of his contacts to bring in players, and he managed to bring in Ben O'Hanlon from Harrogate and gave him his debut at left wing back at Leamington. That enabled Thommo to move further forward, and we could all see the benefit of that! Ben's signing gives us more balance and options for the left hand side where we have been lacking from a squad perspective.

Tommy also mentioned to me after Saturday's game the healthy number of Darlington supporters who were inside the ground at Leamington, and the positive noise that they made, which made a big difference to our players. Leamington was one of our longest trips of the season, and there must have been at least 150 Darlington supporters there, which speaks volumes for the fans' dedication.

Let's hope now for some more victories to lift us away from the relegation fight, starting with today's game. Hopefully we have now turned the corner, and we can start climbing the table.

You will see today that work has progressed quite well this week on the new seated stand on the far side of the ground. Part of this stand will become a family area, so keep watching the website for details. Again, this is something that Darlington fans can be proud of, because it is thanks to your financial support that we have been able to undertake this project, which will help the ground reach the required standard, and improve the matchday experience.

It is also good to see our new Supporter Liaison Officer, Dave Collinge, getting to grips with his new job. I believe that Dave will be an important conduit between the club and the supporters, and we will listen to closely to what he has to say over the coming weeks. He has already raised some issues which hopefully we can address.

This week also saw us launch an affiliate marketing proposal that could generate additional revenue for the club. This is now on our official website with a variety of offers for fans to review and this scheme has generated significant income for other clubs around the country so please take a look at the offers.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the players, officials and fans of Blyth Spartans, and wish them a safe journey home following the game.

David



BLYTH SPARTANS

THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

BILLY MCGLEN

Former Blyth Spartans left-back Billy McGlen featured in Manchester United's 1951-52 League Championship campaign. Initially with Blyth, he joined Manchester United in May 1946 and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1948-49, also helping them to finish League Championship runners-up on four occasions. He moved to Lincoln City in July 1952 and joined Oldham Athletic in an exchange deal involving Jimmy Munro in February 1953. Featuring in their 1952-53 Third Division (North) title triumph, he returned to Lincoln as trainer in July 1956. He later had a spell in charge of Skegness and resided in Burgh-le-Marsh until his death in December 1999.

HARRY MILLS

Former Blyth Spartans goalkeeper Harry Mills starred as Huddersfield Town finished third in the top-flight in 1953-54. Starting with hometown Blyth, he moved to Huddersfield in March 1948 and made his League debut in place of the injured Bob Hesford in that month's 2-1 victory at home to Middlesbrough. He

helped the Terriers retain top-flight status that season and contested a first-team slot with Jack Wheeler, making 157 First Division appearances before joining Halifax Town in December 1955. Leaving in May 1957 due to his wife's illness, he later returned to Blyth Spartans for a spell and resided in Blyth until his death in August 1990.

DOUG WRIGHT

Ex-England international wing-half Doug Wright had a spell as Blyth Spartans' player-manager. A son of former Bolton Wanderers inside-left Jocky Wright, he played for Chelmsford City before joining Southend United in July 1936 and moved to Newcastle United in May 1938. He was capped against Norway six months later and became a sergeant in the artillery during the war. Moving to Lincoln City in December 1948, he was ever-present captain in the 1951-52 Third Division (North) title triumph. He joined Blyth in December 1954 and went on to become player-boss. Later working at Blyth power station for 25 years, he died in December 1992.



LES O'NEILL

Former Blyth Spartans midfielder Les O'Neill was an important figure as Carlisle United won promotion to the top-flight in 1973-74. Born locally, he impressed with Blyth before joining Newcastle United in November 1961. He featured in their 1962 FA Youth Cup triumph and moved to Darlington in January 1965, helping them to win promotion in 1965-66. Joining Bradford City in March 1970, he joined Carlisle in May 1972 and featured prominently as they reached the FA Cup sixth round for the only time in their history in 1974-75. He moved to Queen of the South in August 1977, then managed Penrith and Workington before scouting for Swindon Town.

STEVE CARNEY

Former Blyth Spartans central defender Steve Carney featured prominently as Newcastle United regained top-flight status in 1983-84. The electrician played for North Shields before joining Blyth in July 1977 and scored in their epic 1977-78 FA Cup fourth round victory at Stoke City. Moving to Newcastle in October 1979, he made almost 150 appearances for the Magpies and was loaned to Carlisle United prior to joining Darlington in July 1985. He then had spells playing for Rochdale, Hartlepool United and Tow Law Town before returning to Blyth in March 1987. Later managing Newcastle Blue Star, he sadly died of cancer in Newcastle in May 2013.

RON GUTHRIE

One-time Blyth Spartans left-back Ron Guthrie featured in Sunderland's 1973 FA Cup final triumph. Signing professional for Newcastle United in July 1963, he made his First Division debut at Aston Villa in August 1966 but had limited top-flight chances behind Frank Clark. He joined Sunderland in January 1973 and scored in that season's FA Cup sixth round win over Luton. Featuring in successive promotion near-misses, he had spells with Ashington, Gateshead and South African side Lusitano, joining Blyth in July 1977. He starred in their 1977-78 FA Cup run and consecutive Northern League title triumphs before moving to North Shields in September 1981.

LES MUTRIE

England Semi-Pro international striker Les Mutrie starred as Blyth Spartans took Hull City to an FA Cup second round third replay in 1980-81. Initially with Whitley Bay, he had spells with Ashington, Gateshead, Carlisle United and Gateshead again before reuniting with Jackie Marks at Blyth in March 1979. He featured in two consecutive Northern League title triumphs and was an FA Trophy quarter-finalist in 1979-80. Moving to Hull City in December 1980, he was top scorer in 1981-82 and 'Player of the Year' in their 1982-83 promotion success. Later at Colchester United, Hartlepool and Gateshead, he became a publican and died in October 2017.

JOHN CONNOLLY

Former Scotland international winger John Connolly had a spell as Blyth Spartans' player-manager. Initially with St Johnstone, he played in the 1970 Scottish League Cup final and joined Everton for £75,000 in March 1972. He moved to Birmingham City in September 1976, then Newcastle United in April 1978. Helping Hibernian to win the Scottish First Division title in 1980-81, he had a spell at Gateshead before becoming Blyth's player-boss in November 1982. He rejoined Gateshead in November 1983 and later managed Whitley Bay, Queen of the South and St Johnstone, also a spell as advertising manager of 'Golf Monthly' magazine.

JOHN BURRIDGE

Much-travelled goalkeeper John Burridge ended his playing career with Blyth Spartans. Initially at Workington, he joined Blackpool in April 1971 and starred in their 1971 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. 'Budgie' moved to Aston Villa in September 1975, helping to win the League Cup in 1977, then won the Second Division title with Crystal Palace in 1978-79 and followed Terry Venables to QPR in December 1980. He later played for Wolves, Sheffield United, Southampton, Newcastle, Hibernian, Manchester City, Darlington and numerous other clubs. Moving to Blyth in August 1996, he became player-boss, facing Blackpool in the 1997-98 FA Cup first round.

PAUL BAKER

Much-travelled striker Paul Baker had a spell as Blyth Spartans' player-manager. After spells with Bishop Auckland and Southampton, he joined Carlisle United in July 1985 and was top scorer in 1986-87. He moved to Hartlepool in July 1987 and was ever-present in their 1990-91 promotion success, then played for Motherwell, Gillingham, York City, Torquay United and Scunthorpe United before further spells at Hartlepool and Carlisle. Later with Bedlington Terriers and Durham City, he joined Blyth in November 2001 and was their player-boss from November 2002 until September 2004. He then managed Newcastle Benfield and Newcastle Blue Star.





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THOMMO EQUALISES
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27TH JANUARY LEAMINGTON 2 | DARLINGTON 3

Stephen Thompson scored a dramatic injury time winner to give us our first away win since the opening day of the season at the Phillips 66 Stadium.

It was also our first win of the calendar year, and the first away hat trick by a Darlo player since Graeme Armstrong's on that memorable night at Whitby in April 2016.

KEY MOMENTS:

8 - Reece Styche was tripped in the area as he went for a return ball from Greg Mills, and Thommo sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot. 1-0!

17 - Leamington levelled from the spot through Craig Gittins after Gary Brown, who had earlier been flattened by an elbow, fouled Ahmed Obeng.

40 - Former Darlington midfielder Joe Clarke was shown his second yellow card for two offences in ten minutes.

50 - Reece Styche headed narrowly over the bar from a left wing cross.

60 - The Brakes went 2-1 up when Jack Edwards headed into the top corner from a left wing corner.

62 - Darlo manager Tommy Wright put on

two subs, Phil Turnbull and James Caton, who changed the course of the game.

65 - Caton had a shot from the edge of the box well saved by the Leamington keeper.

73 - Thommo cut in from the right, burst past two defenders, and fired across the keeper into the bottom corner 2-2!

85 - David Syers had a great chance from a Caton through ball, but he was denied by the keeper.

90+2 - Caton pulled the ball back well from the left for Thommo to fire left footed into the bottom corner, and spark off the celebrations from the 200 travelling fans! 2-3

Darlington: Pears, Brown (sub Syers 24), Heaton, Galbraith, O'Hanlon, Trotman, Wheatley, Scott (sub Turnbull 62), Thompson, Styche, Mills (sub Caton 62)

Subs not used, Bancroft, Gillies

Bookings: None.

Leamington: Breeden, Mace, Gudger, Clarke, Hood, English, Dunbar, Gittings, Udoh (sub Magunda 79), Edwards (sub Revan 84), Obeng (sub Felix 90)

Subs: Canavan, Moore

Red card Clarke

WELCOME BACK!

Peter Jameson



Firstly, a real fans' favourite **Peter Jameson**, who joined us in the summer of 2013, and was part of the team that won promotion from the EvoStik League First Division North, and the team that won the EvoStik League title on that famous night at Whitby. It was Pete's 23rd birthday that night, and he celebrated by saving a penalty when we were 5-0 up. Pete made 103 appearances for us before he went to South Shields on loan before joining Blyth in the summer.

Every player remembers the first goal he scored for his club, and **Dale Hopson** won't forget the terrific goal he scored in our 3-1 win away win at Ebbsfleet in November 2011. The crisis leading up to our third admin had just started as the players hadn't been paid at the end of October, and that victory in Kent was to be our last away win of the season. He scored again the following week against Tamworth, and left at the end of the season for Huddersfield.

He returned in our first EvoStik League North season, and made 21 appearances for us before joining Whitby. He was a big hit with them, scoring 30 goals last season before moving to Croft Park in the summer. He has now scored ten times for Blyth.

Ian Watson was a popular member of the squad in our second EvoStik League season. He joined us from Blyth just after they had beaten us in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup that season, and went on to help us win the EvoStik League First Division North

Dale Hopson

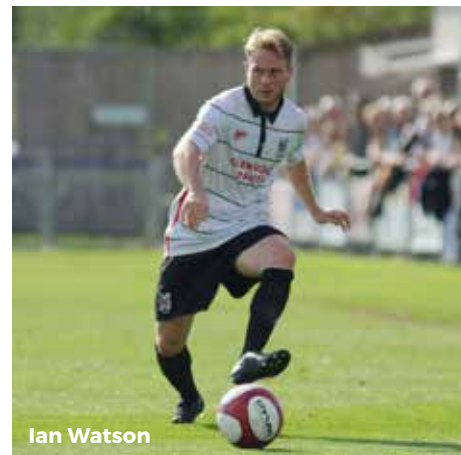


Several former Darlington players are involved in the playing and management side at Blyth, and we'd like to welcome them back this afternoon.



appearances for us before he rejoined Blyth midway through the season, while **Andrew Cartwright** played two games for us in season 2014-15.

Ian Watson



play offs against Spennymoor Town and then Bamber Bridge.

He made 35 appearances for us that season, scoring once for us, at Kendal Town, and another eight the following season before he moved on to Spennymoor, where he won the league again. He moved to Blyth during the summer, and has played 13 games since.

Jordan Watson joined us from Blyth in the summer of 2017, and made ten

Jordan Watson



Andrew Cartwright



Alun Armstrong is manager at Blyth, where he was appointed in September 2016 after coaching in Middlesbrough's Academy.

He made 61 playing appearances in two spells, scoring ten goals. In his first spell in season 2004-05, he was one of the "Galacticos" alongside Clyde Wijnhard and Craig Hignett, and scored 11 goals, including a hat trick on his debut against Southend. His second playing season was season 2006-07, before he moved on to Newcastle Blue Star. He also played for Newcastle, Stockport, Middlesbrough and Ipswich in his career.

One of Alun's assistants is **Darren Holloway**, who played 21 games for us after joining us from Bradford City in 2006. He also played for Sunderland, Wimbledon and Bradford City in his career.



We've met before

> 30TH DECEMBER 2015

Blyth 0 Darlington 1

Quakers beat the EvoStik League leaders at Croft Park thanks to a top quality goal by striker Lee Gaskell, his ninth of the season.

It was a pulsating, fast and furious game similar to that between the two sides back in August, with the main feature being Quakers' high workrate.

Darlington started the game well enough and had more of the ball than Blyth, and they nearly got a gift goal on 7 minutes when Nathan Cartman put Ryan Hutchinson under pressure, and the defender hit a back pass that keeper Adam McHugh failed to control, and the ball hit the side netting.

From Terry Galbraith's corner that followed, Gary Brown had a header cleared off the line, and from the next corner taken by Adam Mitchell on the opposite side, so did Galbraith. And from a third corner, McHugh pulled off a flying save from another header by former Blyth player Brown.

Blyth had their first real chance on 15 minutes when Arran Wearmouth played the ball through for Michael Richardson to chip over the bar.

Quakers took the lead on 33 minutes. Nathan Cartman headed Stephen Thompson's chip forward, Lee Gaskell chased the ball, kept it in, sidestepped a defender and hit a terrific right foot shot across McHugh into the top corner of the net.

It was nearly 2-0 when Gaskell came short for Galbraith's corner, and forced McHugh into a save low down, then in Quakers next attack McHugh went low down to his right to hold a stinging shot from Thompson. But Blyth nearly levelled just on half time when Richardson again found a touch of space with a left foot shot that Jameson saved.

Blyth were beginning to look more dangerous, especially when Wearmouth cut in from the right past two defenders, and forced Jameson to save at his post.

Manager Martin Gray used all his subs in the space of five minutes in order to introduce some fresh legs, and one of the subs, Graeme

LEE GASKELL



Blyth: McHugh, Nicholson, Watson, Parker, Hutchinson, S Turnbull, Wearmouth, Richardson, Reid, Wade (sub Hooks 76), Dale.

Subs: Morse, Robinson, Cartwright, Davis
Darlington: Jameson, Hunter, Galbraith, P Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Mitchell, Scott, Gaskell (sub Dowson 65), Cartman (sub Portas 60), Thompson (sub Armstrong 60)
Subs: Nowakowski, Provett

Armstrong, nearly scored when he chased a through ball, beat a defender, but McHugh was equal to his left foot shot. Quakers regained control of the game, and Galbraith waltzed through the Blyth defence to the corner of the six yard box, but his left foot shot was blocked.

David Dowson then cut in from the right to the edge of the box, but pulled his shot wide. Dowson typified Quakers' harrying endeavours when he chased down Blyth defender Danny Parker inside his own box, but the loose ball didn't quite fall for Armstrong.

Blyth tried to pile on the pressure near the end, and there was a bizarre decision by the referee when he awarded Blyth a free kick on the 18 yard line, when if any offence occurred, it had been three yards inside the box when Brown and a Blyth player challenged for the ball..

Right at the end, Blyth were awarded a free kick that Dale curled over the wall, but Jameson saved well.

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Chief Executive Officer David Johnston is very keen on the scheme, and said; "I've made no secret of the need for additional revenue streams to financially support the club in order to move forwards both on and off the pitch, and having recently met with the guys from Proffecy and heard the success stories of other clubs of similar size, it seemed like an ideal way in which we can start to take some of the onus for direct revenue generation away from our loyal supporters. By utilising our wider supporter network through our well-subscribed social media channels, this is an opportunity to purchase a product or service of interest whilst at the same time generating revenue for the club."

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Our photographer, Steve Halliday, took some images of our fans at Leamington last Saturday.

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

WE'RE ON
THE BALL

Salford City continue to lead the division by five points. Their progress towards promotion was disrupted last weekend by a 2-1 defeat at title outsiders Brackley. It was the Ammies' first defeat in six league matches.

Harrogate Town remain Salford's nearest rivals, with back-to-back wins over Stockport and AFC Telford getting Simon Weaver's men back on track, following two straight defeats.

Still in title contention are third-placed Brackley. They are four points behind Harrogate after last week's win over Salford, but do have a game in hand.

On a run of six league games unbeaten, Spennymoor Town lie 13 points behind the leaders, but with two games in hand. Moors also have an eight-point cushion on the side just outside the play-offs, Bradford PA.

Kidderminster Harriers have a tightened their grip on a play-off spot, following a 16-game unbeaten league run. Harriers haven't lost in the league since going down 2-1 at Tamworth in mid-September.

A point behind Kidderminster are York City, whose six-game unbeaten run was ended last weekend, with a 2-0 defeat at Stockport.

And seventh-placed Blyth Spartans cling on to a play-off spot, despite a poor run of form. Today's visitors have taken only seven points from a possible 24 since the start of December.

Just outside the play-off places are Bradford PA, who've dropped out of the top seven after taking two points from their last four games. They're three points behind Blyth.

Stockport are level on points with Bradford PA, after ending York's recent good form last weekend.

10th-placed Chorley missed a chance to move up two places in midweek, losing by a single goal at Gainsborough.

Boston United are the league's in-form side, having won eight and drawn one of their last nine matches. The Pilgrims are now an

outside bet for the play-offs, lying five points adrift of Blyth.

Two points further back are FC United, whose outstanding home form has helped them move eight points clear of the relegation zone. They've won eight and drawn one in their last nine league matches at Broadhurst Park.

Tamworth have dropped out of touch of the play-offs after winning only one of their last six.

And 14th-placed Alfreton saw a four-game unbeaten run ended last weekend, as they lost 2-1 at Gainsborough. Alfreton have a five-point cushion on the relegation zone.

Kevin Davies' Southport have seen improvement in recent weeks, winning three out of four matches before going down 3-0 at Kidderminster last weekend.

Leamington's defeat to Darlington seven days ago leaves them three points above the drop zone after only one win in seven league matches.

Nuneaton are a point behind Leamington, and one place below the Quakers on goal difference. But they are three games unbeaten, following their goalless draw with Bradford PA.

Earlier in the season, Curzon Ashton were challenging for the play-offs. They're just one place above the relegation zone after only one win in their last nine.

Gainsborough climbed out of the relegation zone in midweek to 17th, after they beat Chorley at Northolme.

AFC Telford have dropped to second bottom in the table after four straight defeats. They do however have games in hand on all of the teams in relegation battle.

And North Ferriby remain at the foot of the table, 22 points from safety. They did however pick up their first point since November, in a 2-2 draw at Chorley last weekend. It ended a run of 10 straight defeats.

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THE E X F A C T O R

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



MICHAEL FLYNN

Former Darlington midfielder **Michael Flynn** said that he was the proudest manager in the country when Newport held on for a 1-1 draw against Tottenham in the fourth round of the FA Cup last weekend.

Newport, who stayed in the Football League last season thanks to a last gasp goal, are off to Wembley for a replay, and Flynn, who played four games for us in season 2008-09 when on loan from Huddersfield, said: "They are a fantastic group of players and they gave me their all. I'm gutted for them that Spurs scored so late, but they've made me the proudest manager in the country right now.

"I could have been selfish and tried to be the hero and gone for it, but I would never jeopardise the finances. We had to get focussed, it was the only mistake we made all day and we got punished for it.

"It's incredible, it was my 59th game today and I'm proud of everything we've achieved. I don't get carried away, but speaking to Mauricio Pochettino was an eye opener, he's a class act.

"If the replay is anything like the second half then I'm not relishing it. But I've got every confidence in my players because they've been magnificent from day one.

"I would be lying if the shock wasn't on my mind and it would



JAMIE DEVITT

have been the best result ever. I can't speak highly enough of Spurs - we came up against class players, a class club and a class manager.

"I nearly hid under the table when I saw the team-sheet, but Spurs have been a class act. Each one of them shook my hand and knew what it meant for our club.

"This cup run has helped us get a new generation of fans. When we went out of business we lost a generation but that's the best atmosphere I've experienced at Rodney Parade - the buzz and the crowd were amazing.

"If you'd offered me a draw at the start I would have bitten your hand off then gone for your feet.

"We turn over £2.2million a year, I would say. This FA Cup run has brought in excess of £700,000, it's huge. It allows us to lay the foundations now for the future and to do things right. We have a good bunch of people on the board and I'm sure they'll make the right decisions."

Jamie Devitt scored the only goal of the game for Carlisle United in their League Two game against Forest Green last

Saturday.

However, Forest Green boss **Mark Cooper** was far from happy about a penalty that wasn't given by referee Tom Nield in the first half when Christian Doidge went down in the area.

"The PGM, Dave Allison and Mike Riley need to have a look at it because we are getting the rough end of the stick. To get that so wrong, I have to be careful what I say, but it can't keep happening, it's ridiculous. Every time we come away from home we seem to get match-changing contentious decisions.

"Nothing between the two teams, Christian Doidge is in the box, wrong side of their defender, he is about to shoot and he is brought down and it's a clear penalty and a red card."

David Preece has joined Alfreton as their goalkeeping coach.

The former Sunderland player, now aged 41, has forged a promising career as a football writer and pundit in recent times. He made 106 appearances for us, before being transferred to Aberdeen in 1999.

Nathan Mulligan and **Craig Gott** are both hoping to continue on the road to Wembley in the FA Buildbase Vase today.

Both of them are involved in fifth round matches. Mulligan is playing for Stockton Town at home to Stourport Swifts, while Gott is in the Marske team at home to Bradford Town.

There are also several former Darlington players involved in Spennymoor Town's third round Buildbase FA Trophy tie at home to East Thurrock. If Moors win the game, then they're into the last eight.



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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



ALUN ARMSTRONG CELEBRATES HIS FIRST GOAL WITH TEAM-MATES ADOLFO GREGORIO AND CLYDE WIJNHARD

Mention Alun Armstrong and many Darlington fans' first memory will be the hat-trick he scored for Quakers at the Arena in 2004.

The now Blyth Spartans boss, Armstrong had just been brought to Darlington by David Hodgson, and after two scoreless appearances he delighted the near 4,000 crowd by helping secure a 4-0 win against Southend United.

It was the first hat-trick a Darlington player had scored for four years – since Glen Naylor's versus Sudbury in November 2000 – while it was Armstrong's first treble of his career.

With Clyde Wijnhard making his debut, the Dutchman provided the perfect foil for Armstrong, while ex-Boro team-mate Craig Hignett provided a link between midfield and attack.

Armstrong's 15th minute goal was pure Roy of the Rovers, diving full stretch to head home, and he was then in the right place at the right time to poke home his second and Quakers' third after Wijnhard had doubled their lead.

Armstrong showed sheer perseverance to claim the match ball when he pounced on a defensive error before looping over keeper Darryl Flahaven.

"I was determined to score so I'm absolutely delighted to score three," he said at the time. "It's the first hat-trick of my career and once I got the first one I felt a lot of weight off my shoulders. I think everybody could see there was a bit more of a spring in my step."



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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 famous Englishman once resided at No 1, London?
2. Who was the author of the classic children's novel Peter Pan?
3. What, specifically, was manufactured at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1858?
4. Of which 70s hard-rock band were Ritchie Blackmore and Ian Gillan both members?
5. Who played Sapphire in the TV series Sapphire and Steel?
6. What are yarg, jarlsberg and limburger?
7. The Germans call this geographical feature die Ostsee. How is it known in Britain?
8. Where did Thomas a Becket meet his death at the hands of four knights in 1170?
9. Which variety of fruit is a Royal Sovereign?
10. Which female writer and TV presenter was often referred to as the 'Thinking Man's Crumpet'?
11. What is the capital city of Bulgaria?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. When Quakers were relegated from the Football League in 2010, which Irishman finished top goalscorer for us?
13. In the 1974 World Cup finals, which country was eliminated after the first round without losing a match?
14. Which club knocked Middlesbrough out of the FA Cup this season?
15. Apart from Glasgow, name the 3 towns/cities which have more than one Scottish League team.
16. Which English football club was the first to win an official European trophy?
17. Formula One: In which country is the Interlagos circuit situated?
18. Who beat Muhammad Ali in 1978 to assume his World Heavyweight title?
19. Which major rugby union club plays its home games at Kingsholm?
20. Which cricketer captained England in the notorious 'Bodyline' series in Australia?
21. How does the Olympic motto, Citius Altius Fortius, translate into English?
22. For which "offence" was Salford City goalkeeper, Max Crocombe, sent off during this season's match with Bradford Park Avenue

HOW DID YOU DO?

POINTS SCORED

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| 24 - 20 | Top striker! Excellent points total should bring another promotion |
| 19 - 13 | Genuine football brain on the ball, but inconsistent in other areas |
| 12 - 6 | A useful squad player, but you lack that vital spark to be first-team |
| 5 or less | As for our friends at Victoria Park, things can only get better this season |

**ANSWERS
ON
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Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

Simon Weatherill continues his excellent series with the 3-1 away win at Kettering Town on 10th February 1990.

As the 1989/90 season entered its second half, Darlington were looking good for a return to the Football League at the first attempt. They were spending the season in the Vauxhall Conference after a disastrous relegation in the previous campaign under the managership of David Booth. Things were going well though under Brian Little, and the Quakers sat on top of the table after 23 games, with only three defeats all season. They'd started the season in fine style with ten wins and three draws from their first 13 games, before three defeats in a five game spell in November and December had allowed the chasing pack to close the gap at the top of the table. By February, things were very tight and they were being chased for the title by Barnet, Macclesfield, Runcorn and Kettering, although they did have games in hand on all the teams chasing them.

By the time the 24th game of the season came around, away to Kettering on February 10th, the Quakers had been displaced at the top of the table by Barnet, who'd played an extra game when Darlington had been otherwise involved in an FA Trophy tie. Barnet now had 49 points from 25 games, the Quakers had 48 points from 23 and their opponents

Kettering sat in 5th place with 45 points from 27. With only one home defeat all season the Poppies would provide a stern test as Darlington tried to get back to the top of the league.

As the Quakers fought towards securing the one promotion place available (there were no play offs then), manager Brian Little was trying to improve his squad. He'd signed Gary Gill from Middlesbrough in November, but Gill had made only two appearances before a knee injury had confined him to the treatment room. The latest addition was winger Steve Mardenborough, bought from Cheltenham for £1,000, but Little selected an unchanged side for the trip to Kettering, so Mardenborough had to settle for a place on the bench.

A crowd of 3721, Kettering's highest of the season, were at Rockingham Road for the game, which kicked off in bright sunshine, although there was a strong breeze blowing down the ground. Darlington kicked off against the wind and immediately took control of the game. They forced two early corners, which the home side managed to clear, but the Quakers stayed on the front foot and grabbed the lead after five minutes. Les McJannet,

David Cork and Jimmy Willis combined superbly down the right with a slick passing move that ended with Willis squaring the ball to Andy Toman, whose neat flick at the near post beat home keeper Kevin Shoemake. The visitors were in total control and Cork and David Corner both missed good chances when well placed, but completely against the run of play Kettering equalised in the 13th minute, courtesy of a rare mistake by Mark Prudhoe. Shoemake hit a wind-assisted long punt that bounced high in the Quakers area. Prudhoe fumbled his catch and the ball fell to Robbie Cooke, whose shot was blocked by Kevan Smith, but the rebound fell to full back Dougie Keast, who blasted home. Kettering were using the strong wind to assist their long ball game but creating very little, although Neil Horwood had a decent chance on 22 minutes when he fired wide from the edge of the box. Home keeper Shoemake was much the busier of the two keepers and he was called upon to save bravely at the feet of Cork. Then in the last action of the first half a Frank Gray free kick was met with a firm Jimmy Willis header, but Shoemake flung himself full length to his right to touch the ball around the post. Half time: Kettering 1 Darlington 1.



Darlington continued to have the better of things at the start of the second half. Cork missed a good chance from close range, then John Borthwick ran onto a Willis through ball and lobbed Shoemake, but Kevin Lewis got back to clear off the line. Borthwick was back moments later in the next attack on the hour and this time he made no mistake. A clever interpassing move gave the striker time and space 25 yards out and he unleashed a blistering drive that was still rising as it struck the back of the net.

Eight minutes later the Quakers increased their lead with a similar goal, this time from 5 yards nearer. Toman found Borthwick just outside the box and his fierce shot curled past Shoemake into the same top corner, with the keeper again completely helpless. Kettering never really threatened to get back into the game. Indeed

Prudhoe had no chance to redeem himself after his error, as the home side never managed another shot on target. Darlington completely dominated the closing stages of the game, notable only for Steve Mardenborough coming off the bench for the last five minutes to make his Quakers' debut.

The 3-1 victory kept Darlington hot on the heels of leaders Barnet. Their battle for the Conference title would run all season and wouldn't be decided until the final day. Darlington won 1-0 at Welling, courtesy of Gary Coatsworth's looping header, which ensured the title. Barnet had also won on the last day and so finished the season just two points adrift.

A crowd of 3721, Kettering's highest of the season, were at Rockingham Road for the game, which kicked off in bright sunshine

The Quakers were the only full time professional outfit in the Conference and so part timers Barnet deserve a lot of credit for being the only team to push them all the way. Runcorn finished in 3rd place, a further 15 points adrift of Barnet, proving how much of a two horse race the Conference had become.

Kettering produced a 32 page programme, priced at 50 pence. Heavy on adverts, the programme had two pages of pen pictures of the Darlington squad. The team line ups were on the back cover.

Team v Kettering : 1 Mark Prudhoe 2 Les McJannet 3 Frank Gray 4 Jimmy Willis 5 Kevan Smith 6 David Corner 7 Neil Robinson 8 Andy Toman 9 John Borthwick 10 David Cork 11 Paul Emson Subs 12 Steve Mardenborough (replaced Cork, 85 mins) 14 Drew Coverdale (not used)

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The Under 8 Quakers have won the Darlington Sport Winner's Scheme award for being the team of the year!

The lads are showing a lot of promise, and are having a great season with the chance of winning the league cup.

Several of them are being watched by Middlesbrough and Sunderland (even at this young age) in their games in the first division of the Teesside Junior Football Alliance Under 8s age group. They're also in the quarter finals of the cup, and last summer won a round robin tournament.

Manager Brad Blythe said: "The boys have been a very strong group since the first training session when they were all aged 4 and have developed and progressed massively in the last couple years. The kids fully deserve this award for their dedication too myself and assistant manager Adam Morley. This group of kids is a pleasure to coach and manage, and hopefully one day and play for Darlington FC first team."

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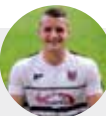
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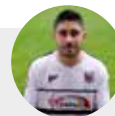
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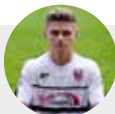
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Meet the Darlington FC Supporters group board

This week – *Lee Kilcrao*



This week, Lee Kilcrao, who was elected to the DFCSG board at the last AGM, answers our Q and As.

How long have you supported Darlington?

19/20 years.

Can you remember your first game, who was it against?

It must have been around 1998 as I was very young and Marco Gabbiadini was playing. I can't remember who it was against, but it was a night match and I can remember the excitement of walking around the side of the cricket pitch at Feethams with my dad, floodlights shining.

Who have been your favourite players over the years?

Marco Gabbiadini, Craig Liddle, Neil Wainwright, Gary Brown.

What have been your most memorable matches?

The one that seems to stick in my mind from Feethams is the last time we played Hartlepool there, coming from behind with 10 men to draw 2-2. I'll have been 10 at the time so it's probably the earliest match I can properly remember.

Winning the title at Whitby will live long in the memory

as well. What a performance.

What are your favourite away grounds?

We've been to some nice ones in non-league, but Bootham Crescent is the best for overall matchday experience. It's up there with the Sid James' Park as one of the best located grounds in the country. I think they'll regret moving.

From the Football League days, which trips do you miss the most?

I used to like Rotherham away but they're in a new ground now. It'd be nice to get Carlisle back and I've always fancied a trip to Bradford and Port Vale.

Do you enjoy games more or less than say ten years ago? Why?

Much more. A bit of me died in the Arena. The connection between the club, players and supporters is much stronger these days and it feels like we're all part of something bigger than ourselves. It's a bit of a throwback watching lads with full-time jobs pull on the shirt and for me, there's no contest between what we've got and the sterile experience you get at top-end professional football these days.

Why did you decide to join the DFCSG board?

I decided I was going to get

involved at the fans' forum last season. I wasn't happy with events that evening. My resolve was strengthened by the threat of Raj Singh becoming involved again. That episode really highlighted the importance of having strong leadership within the Supporters' Group.

What are you doing voluntarily for the club at the moment?

Alongside Malcolm Cundick, I'm one of the directors charged with overseeing stadium and infrastructure development, so that takes up most of my time. I've also been doing a bit of work on the commercial side, was involved in getting the pitch covers moved from Bishop Auckland, and have even had a go on the turnstiles!

Where do you see the club being in ten years' time?

Fan-owned and financially self-sufficient, playing at a ground which meets our needs and provides a good matchday experience, and hopefully in a position to think about going full-time if we haven't already done so.



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DFCSG *notes*

>> BY CHRIS STOCKDALE

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Blyth Spartans.



We wish you all a safe journey back after the game. These local games always carry more of an edge and with our improving form it should be an exciting afternoon of football. I hope Pete Jameson gets a warm reception from our supporters, a fine custodian for us over several seasons and by all accounts a great bloke as well.

It was fantastic to see construction start on our new seated stand earlier this week. This is a significant milestone in our progress as a club, getting the ground up to standard to qualify for promotion is part of it, but equally as important is improving the matchday experience for our fans. The additional 294 seats will be a big step forward in that regard. We hope to use this additional seating capacity to attract additional fans, especially families, to our games.

There is no point in avoiding the matter - our crowds this season have been disappointing and below forecast. Our current league average is 1,538 v last season's average of 1,739. Over the course of a whole league season, after VAT, that adds up to approximately £40k less in revenue from gate receipts into the club. As I talked about in my last programme notes, DFCSG and DFC have started the process to better understand the reasons why our crowds are down, and going forward how DFC can attract and retain more supporters at our games. If you have any feedback about your matchday experience, please email the DFC Supporter Liaison Officer David Collinge at slo@dfcsg.co.uk.

We already have several ideas and initiatives in the pipeline to develop over the course of the next few months to improve the experience at Blackwell Meadows. For example, in preparation for next season in the next couple of months we'll be launching a Junior Quakers Club to help foster the next generation of supporters. Over time DFCSG hope that you will see further positive changes.

Thank you all for your support and enjoy the game today.

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 Bradford Park Avenue on Saturday 10 February, departing at 11am and Brackley Town on Saturday 17 February, departing at 9.45am. The fare to Bradford is £12 and the fare to Brackley is £20 but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 RETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

Good Afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game against our neighbours from Blyth Spartans. I'm hoping we can build on that win last week and get three more points from today's game.

Leamington and Relief!

It was great to see so many Darlo fans at Leamington last week especially as it is one of the longer journeys we have to make. The journey home seemed much shorter with three points secured! The lads battled hard in the second half after going 2-1 down and the joy and relief when that winner went in, was there for all to see and hear! For once it was us scoring at the end of the game and hopefully this win will take a bit of pressure off everyone and we can start to move up the table.

Valentine's Day

Are you looking for a Valentine's gift for that special person in your life? If they are a Darlo fan then we may just have the answer!

We still have home shirts left in all sizes so if the love of your life hasn't got one why not treat him or her? If you would prefer we have a Fusion jersey in black or red or a technical polo in black or claret both priced at £25. As you know we also have a variety of hoodies and track jackets in many colours priced at £36.

Maybe a special pen might be the order of the day? We have a super choice of wood-barrelled pens at £25 and black and white acrylic barrelled pens at £18. Hats and scarves are also great presents priced at £9 each. How about one of our mugs with the Darlo crest on for £6, or a mug for £7 with a player picture on? David Lord can personalise these for us so if you would like Happy Valentine's Day and a name on -- he can do that for us. Our phone cases are available in a variety of models and cost £8. We also have our stylish new club tie for £12. We stock a large variety of souvenirs - Pennants £5, Badges £2.50, Key rings £4.00 and pens for £1 to name but a few. I think you would agree something to suit everyone's pocket, so why not shop with us for Valentine's day?

Goalkeeper Shirts

We have three colours in our goalkeeper shirts -- tangerine, green and yellow. If you are a budding or established goalkeeper then our replica shirts cost £33 for juniors and £38 for adults. You can also add shorts and socks to match. A full kit will cost £50 for juniors and £60 for adults.

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



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If there's one thing people in Non-League football like it's a good Budget chat.

I'm not talking about the red briefcase the Chancellor holds up outside Downing Street, but how much players are being paid. Or not being paid.

It's very difficult to truly know who's got what. The managers who have got a decent pot of cash to splurge certainly don't like to tell you about it too much, even when it's obvious.

And why wouldn't you play it down? No point setting yourself up for a fall. Because often the whispers won't be far away and you don't want to give the opposition anymore ammo than they will already have.

(The caveat being Billericay, where owner Glenn Tamplin has been pretty open about their weekly spending).

Then the managers who haven't got a lot will naturally want to tell everyone. 'Look at how well we are doing and I've got no money!' It's to be expected.

I popped down to see former Darlington player Alan Dowson at Hampton & Richmond last week for a cuppa and a chat about all things at the Beveree and football in general.

Dowson's side are unbeaten in 21 National League

South games at the time of writing. The former Walton & Hersham and Kingstonian manager spoke about how much he loves winning and that the three points on a Saturday are what it's all about. Whatever your spending power.

He said: 'If you're a manager, it doesn't matter what your budget is, how much money you've got - and we all lie, we all pretend we've got the lowest budget. Managers will say to me and I'll say to them - because I lie as well - that we've got the lowest budget. Because it looks good!'

'We all like to say we work on a shoestring, these people are only on a certain amount of money. We're all the bloody same, including me.'

'But it doesn't matter how much you've got, who you are, what your facilities are, you've got to go and win a game of football on a Saturday.'

While money should talk, we've all seen in football at every level that it isn't a guaranteed path to success.

A few years ago Tunbridge Wells reached the FA Vase final at Wembley and managed to do it without paying their players. Guernsey don't either, and they've had success.

Or how about Corinthian-Casuals in the Bostik

South promotion race. Last year they missed out on promotion to Step 3 in the play-off final but are faring well this year.

The south-London club are a bastion to amateurism. I recently caught up with the manager James Bracken about how his remit is completely different from most managers in Non-League football.

'It has its pros, it has its cons,' Bracken told me. 'In terms of pros I don't have anybody playing for me who doesn't want to. I know a lot of other players at other clubs who will openly say to me they don't respect their manager or agree with what he says or like the way he manages them.'

'But they pick up their money, it helps them with their mortgage, they've got kids to feed and it's almost a job - lots of us have jobs we don't particularly enjoy and you have to do certain things to pay your bills at the end of the month.'

'For a lot of players football becomes that. With us it's never that. Boys are here because they want to be here, they want to play football here and they want to win.'

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On This Day

In this series, we look back at the corresponding day in the club's history

31st January 2004, League Two

Darlington 1 Rochdale 0, attendance 5,689

We were in the grip of our first administration in early 2004. Hodgy had just arranged that big fundraising match a week earlier, and the appeal went out to fans to support us as we battled relegation.

Rochdale were one of our bogey sides – they seemed to regularly put one over us in that era.

But this day was different. With a big crowd of 5,689 reacting to the appeal for help, Chris Hughes scored the winner with a terrific right foot shot ten minutes from the end. It was the goal that started the fight against relegation.

Price, Liddle, Clarke, Hutchinson, Convery, Nicholls (sub Sheeran 68), Maddison, Clark, Hughes, Conlon (sub McGurk 75), Wainwright (Russell 89). Subs: Keltie, Norton

5th February 2005, League Two

Bury 0 Darlington 1, attendance 2,971

We went into this game having lost our previous away game at Southend, dropping to eighth in the table.

Earlier in the week, Hodgy had signed former Celtic winger Bobby Petta, and he was the matchwinner on this occasion with a goal that provoked a huge amount of debate.

From way out on the left, he chipped the ball deliberately and delicately over the keeper, and the ball dropped in at the far post. That was one version.

CHRIS HUGHES



BOBBY PETTA



The other version was that he crossed the ball towards the far post, aiming for the strikers, but the ball went over everyone into the net.

Whatever, his effort was enough to give Quakers all three points and put us seventh in the table. That was his only goal for the club as he left at the end of the season.

Russell, Valentine Liddle, Clarke, Kendrick, Wainwright (sub Hignett 72), Close, Gregorio (sub Hughes 89), Petta (sub Russell 81), Armstrong, Wijnhard. Subs: Price, McGurk

29th January 2008, League Two

Darlington 1 Accrington Stanley 0, attendance 2,808

We couldn't let this edition of "On this Day" slip past without referring to one of the fastest-ever goals scored at the Arena, by the one and only Tommy Wright.

His strike came just 36 seconds into the game against Stanley, who had kicked off, but Quakers broke up the attack. David Stockdale cleared the ball downfield to Kevin Gall, who lobbed the ball over the keeper, but it hit the bar and rebounded for Tommy to head into the net, his 10th league goal of the season.

Stockdale, Ryan, Foster, Miller, Mayo (sub Ravenhill 73), Gall, Cummins (sub Purdie 55), Keltie, Valentine, Joachim, Wright (sub Blundell 68)

Subs: Liversedge, Ndubu-Nsungu

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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 – 26th December 2017, 3-1 v Harrogate Town

Last time we drew at home – 20th January 2018, 2-2 v Chorley

Last time we lost at home – 10th January 2018, 1-2 v Salford City

Last time we won away – 27th January 2018, 3-2 at Leamington

Last time we drew away – 13th January 2018, 1-1 at Alfreton Town

Last time we lost away – 1st January 2018, 0-3 at Harrogate 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 – 26th December 2017, 3-1 v Harrogate Town

Last time we scored twice in a home game – 20th January 2018, 2-2 v Chorley

Last time we scored once in a home game – 10th January 2018, 1-2 v Salford City

Last time we failed to score at home – 18th November 2017, 0-1 v Tamworth

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 – 27th January 2018, 3-2 at Leamington

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 – 13th January 2018, 1-1 at Alfreton Town

Last time we failed to score in an away game – 1st January 2018, 0-3 at Harrogate Town

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 – 27th January 2018, Stephen Thompson at Leamington

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 – 26th December 2017, Reece Styche (on home league debut) v Harrogate 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 – 11th November 2017, Dave Syers at Kidderminster

Last time Darlo came from behind to win – 27th January 2018, 3-2 at Leamington

Last time Darlo lost after taking the lead – 6th January 2018, 1-2 v York City

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Duke of Wellington 2. J.M. Barrie 3. Big Ben 4. Deep Purple 5. Joanna Lumley 6. Types of cheese 7. The Baltic Sea 8. Canterbury Cathedral 9. Strawberry 10. Joan Bakewell 11. Sofia

SECOND HALF – SPORT 12. Tadgh Purcell 13. Scotland 14. Brighton & Hove Albion 15. Edinburgh/Dundee/Falkirk 16. Spurs (1963) 17. Brazil 18. Leon Spinks 19. Gloucester 20. Douglas Jardine 21. Faster Higher Stronger 22. Urinating on the pitch



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1	Salford City	28	19	4	5	49	27	61	+22
2	Harrogate Town	28	17	5	6	66	35	56	+31
3	Brackley	27	14	10	3	48	24	52	+24
4	Spennymoor Town	26	14	6	5	52	40	48	+12
5	Kidderminster	27	12	10	5	49	29	46	+20
6	York City	28	13	6	9	54	43	45	+11
7	Blyth Spartans	27	14	1	12	58	46	43	+12
8	Bradford PA	27	11	7	9	43	33	40	+10
9	Stockport County	28	11	7	10	52	43	40	+9
10	Chorley	28	10	10	8	32	27	40	+5
11	Boston United	27	11	5	11	45	45	38	0
12	FC United	28	10	6	12	45	53	36	-8
13	Tamworth	27	10	5	12	40	47	35	-7
14	Alfreton Town	28	10	3	15	45	46	33	-1
15	Southport	28	8	8	12	37	54	32	-17
16	Leamington	28	8	7	13	39	46	31	-7
17	Gainsborough Trinity	27	9	4	14	32	49	31	-17
18	Darlington	28	7	9	12	36	44	30	-8
19	Nuneaton Town	27	8	6	13	34	44	30	-10
20	Curzon Ashton	26	7	9	10	30	41	30	-11
21	AFC Telford United	25	8	3	14	33	46	27	-13
22	North Ferriby	27	1	5	21	13	70	8	-57

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	17	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	12	0	1	0	1	0	53	0	3	1	19	0
Gary Brown	15	0	1	0	1	0	167	3	12	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	3	1	0	0	0	72	5	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	9	1	0	0	1	0	87	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	12	6	1	1	1	0	12	6	1	1	1	0
Dominic Collins	25	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	13	0	1	0	4	0	29	1	1	0	5	0
Terry Galbraith	25	1	2	0	3	0	192	15	16	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	23	2	1	1	5	0	52	10	3	1	15	0
Mitchell Glover	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Josh Heaton	7	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	10	2	1	0	0	0	39	4	4	0	0	0
Greg Mills	7	2	1	0	1	0	7	2	1	0	1	0
Ben O'Hanlon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aynsley Pears	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Portas	11	5	1	0	0	0	89	20	8	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	4	19	0	1	1	0	4	29	0	1	3	0
Leon Scott	12	7	0	0	0	0	167	36	14	1	20	0
Reece Styche	8	0	1	0	6	2	8	0	1	0	6	2
David Syers	14	7	2	0	4	0	33	16	3	1	12	0
James Talbot	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Thompson	22	3	1	0	6	0	216	12	15	3	74	6
Phil Turnbull	25	1	2	0	0	0	105	2	4	1	1	0
Luke Trotman	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	10	7	1	0	1	0	10	7	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
own goals	0	0	0	0	2	0						



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2017	VERSUS		R	S	ATT																
Sat Aug 5th	Salford	A	3.00	2-0	1777	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n 2	Scott	Saund's	Marrs	Fen'ick	Wil'ski
Wed Aug 9th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	7.45	4-3	1682	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Fen'ick	Wil'ski	Thomp'n
Sat Aug 12th	Alfreton	H	3.00	4-1	1547	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies2	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Fen'ick	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Tues Aug 15th	York City	A	7.45	0-0	3944	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Thomp'n	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat Aug 19th	AFC Telford United	H	3.00	0-1	1532	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat Aug 26th	North Ferriby	A	3.00	1-1	479	Wil'ski	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Marrs	Wheat'y	Saund's	Fen'ick	Bell
Mon Aug 28th	Spennymoor Town	H	7.45	1-1	2070	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Portas	Caton	Wheat'y	Wil'ski
Sat Sept 2nd	Southport	A	3.00	0-2	1059	Bartlett	Burgess	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Portas	Saund's	Scott	Wil'ski
Tues Sept 5th	Chorley	A	7.45	1-4	1011	Bartlett	Marrs	Burgess	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Scott	Ferg'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat Sept 9th	Leamington	H	3.00	0-0	1277	Bartlett	Portas	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Vaulks	Saund's	Thomp'n	Wil'ski
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H	7.45	3-0	1178	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Burgess	Gillies	Wheat'y	Beck	Cartm'n	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Syers	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Sat Sept 16th	South Shields, FA Cup 2Q	H	3.00	0-3	1814	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Burgess	Wheat'y	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat Sept 23rd	Boston United	A	3.00	1-1	1051	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Dawson	Thomp'n	Cartman	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Vaulks	Wil'ski	Gillies
Sat Sept 30th	Curzon Ashton	A	3.00	0-1	292	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Gillies	Dawson	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Saund's	Portas	Cartman	Wil'ski	
Sat Oct 7th	Stockport County	H	3.00	1-1	1758	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Dawson	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Vaulks	Syers
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-2	764	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Burgess	Wheat'y	Syers	Wil'ski	Dawson
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H	3.00	2-1	1312	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Burgess
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A	3.00	1-3	1554	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Burgess	Caton	Saund's	Wil'ski	Wheat'y
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town	H	3.00	0-3	1267	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Caton	Burgess	Saund's	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Syers
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	3-3	1879	Wil'ski	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Wheat'y	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Gillies	Caton	Syers	Marrs	Scott
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H	3.00	0-1	1246	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Wheat'y	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Mills	Caton	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Scott	Bancroft	Portas	Heaton
Fri Nov 24th	Harrogate Town FA Trophy 3q	H	7.45	2-3	1127	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Portas	Styche2	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Vaulks		
Sat Dec 23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A	3.00	1-2	773	Talbot	Mills	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Portas	Styche	Thomp'n	Caton	Heaton	Syers	Marrs	Scott	Saund's
Tues Dec 26th	Harrogate Town	H	3.00	3-1	1759	Talbot	Heaton	Scott	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche2	Thomp'n	Syers	Glover	Saund's	Mills	Marrs	Caton
Mon Jan 1st	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	0-3	1648	Talbot	Heaton	Scott	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Syers	Galb'th	Mills	Saund's	Glover	Caton
Sat Jan 6th	York City	H	3.00	1-2	2406	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Syers	Collins	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Saund's	Portas	Caton	Scott	Turnbull	Gillies
Wed Jan 10th	Salford City	H	7.45	1-2	1350	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Gillies	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Portas	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Syers
Sat Jan 13th	Alfreton	A	3.00	1-1	727	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Portas	Brown	Mills	Gillies	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wheat'y	Marrs	Caton	Syers
Sat Jan 20th	Chorley	H	3.00	2-2	1158	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Heaton	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Gillies	Syers	Marrs	Bancroft
Sat Jan 27th	Leamington	A	3.00	3-2	845	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	O'Hanlon	Heaton	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Tho'n3	Scott	Syers	Turnbull	Caton	Bancroft	Gillies
Sat Feb 3rd	Blyth Spartans	H																			
Sat Feb 10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
Sat Feb 17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat Feb 24th	Kidderminster Harriers	H																			
Sat Mar 3rd	Tamworth	A																			
Sat Mar 10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
Sat Mar 17th	North Ferriby	H																			
Sat Mar 24th	AFC Telford United	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																				

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Dale Hopson will be in the Blyth Spartans squad that plays at Blackwell Meadows today, eight years on since he was part of Quakers under-18s team that won a tournament in Belfast.

Coached by Craig Liddle, the young Quakers competed against Northern Ireland Premier League youth teams, beating Cliftonville on penalties in the final.

They had their picture taken before a match at the Arena with Grimsby Town in April 2010, a 2-0 win for the visitors.

As well as Hopson, also in the teenage squad was Dan Burn, who now plays for Wigan Athletic, David Ferguson (York City), Rob Ramshaw (Spennymoor Town) and Scott Harrison (Hartlepool United).

Pictured back row, left to right, are Craig Liddle (head of youth), Adam Hutchinson, Jordan Marshall, Michael Bertram, James Baxter, John McReady, Dan Burn, Lee Collins, Paul Grainger, Ali Logan (physio) and Neil Maddison (centre of excellence manager). Front row, l-r, Dale Hopson, Corey Barnes, Phil Gray, Alex Robinson, John Hewitson, Sam Lomas and David Ferguson. Not pictured: Nick Thomson, Rob Ramshaw, Scott Harrison and Scott Mould

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Referee: Aaron Jackson
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> Next home matches:

Saturday 24th February
Kidderminster Harriers, kick off 3pm

Saturday 10th March:
Curzon Ashton, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 10th February
Bradford Park Avenue, kick off 3pm

Saturday 17th February
Brackley, kick off 3pm

> Today's other matches:

Curzon Ashton v Gainsborough, Darlington v Blyth, North Ferriby v Leamington, Nuneaton v FC United, Salford City v Bradford PA, Southport v AFC Telford United, Tamworth v York City

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