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from the dugout

>> WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows for today's Vanarama National League North Boxing Day fixture versus Harrogate Town.

I hope you all had a great Christmas but I'm sure, like me, you have missed your football over the last few weeks after back- to-back postponements against Salford City. However, a big thank you must go to the ground staff, volunteers and local farmers for doing their best to get the games on.

I wrote these notes prior to our friendly versus a Middlesbrough Under 23 side. I was delighted that Craig Liddle (Lidds) accepted my invite of a game. The title 'Legend' is often used loosely throughout football but that man truly is at this football club. He is an outstanding coach and a true gentleman.

I'm sure you will agree it has been a frustrating time with the postponements. I feel we had gathered a bit of momentum from the performances against Tamworth and also Harrogate in the F.A Trophy. Despite the results we took a lot of positives from the games and now we must build on those and turn performances into results.

The lads were gutted about the Salford game being postponed, they were prepared and ready to renew rivalries but they can show you that fight and desire in a few weeks' time when we play the rearranged fixture.

We have also been doing our bit off the pitch in the community which has been great.

Some of the players and staff visited the Darlington Memorial Hospital Paediatric Department to hand out all the presents kindly donated by you as supporters. It's never an easy thing to do and very much leaves you with mixed emotions but the feeling you get making a poorly kid smile makes you feel like Santa himself so it's all worthwhile.

We have also held meetings with a school to discuss going in to deliver coaching sessions to the kids. This link will give us the opportunity to convince these youngsters to become Quaker fans and you never know there may be a few stars of tomorrow.

We obviously had the open forum meeting led by Chief Executive David Johnston which I thought was fantastic. Some issues need to ironed out in the short term but there were many reasons to be very positive about the future. The club is in the best possible hands and I'm confident of leading it forward.

Today will be a tough one for sure, with Harrogate on the heels of leaders Salford City. They will be keen to take points from us today but we are confident we can prevent that from happening. Mark Beck will no doubt be in the starting XI, I hope he gets a fantastic welcome but we will be looking to keep him quiet this afternoon.

This game takes us into the New Year so we will be hoping to end 2017 on a high note.

Get behind the boys today and make some noise!

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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL

Good afternoon, everyone, I hope you've had a great Christmas.

It was very frustrating for us players to be unable to play Salford over the last two weeks because we felt that we had played well against Harrogate in the Trophy, especially with Reece on board, and we wanted to start winning league games again.

Unfortunately, the weather denied us, and so we were grateful with a good run out against Middlesbrough and then the league game against Gainsborough on Saturday.

Even though we didn't play matches, we had some really good training sessions. With the new players coming in, we all got to know each other a lot better, and we worked on quite a few tactical things with the manager.

So now, we feel as if the season is starting all over again, we've had a mid season break, if you like.

We're all really keen to start picking up points and move up the table, and everyone is feeling really positive about the rest of the season.

I thought we gave Harrogate a really good run for their money in the Trophy, and Reece caused them quite a few problems, so hopefully we can do the same again this afternoon.

Enjoy the game everyone, and let's hope for three points.

Phil

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

Harrogate Town are our visitors today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Harrogate AFC was formed in 1919/20 to play in the West Riding League
- They adopted the name Harrogate Town in 1948.
- They reached the FA Cup First Round for the first time in the 2002/03 season, losing to Farnborough. They reached the first round again in season 2005/06, losing to Torquay on penalties in a replay
- They have been in National North since 2004 after winning two promotions through the Northern Premier League in three seasons.
- They reached the second round of the FA Cup in 2012/13 when they lost to Hastings United in a replay, after gaining revenge over Torquay
- They went full time at the start of the current season.

LAST SIX GAMES

16/12/2017 Wrexham (A) Won 2-0 FA Trophy

05/12/2017 Kidderminster (H) Drew 2-2

02/12/2017 FC United of Manchester (A) Lost 3-2

24/11/2017 Darlington (A) Won 3-2 FA Trophy

18/11/2017 Boston (H) Won 3-1

11/11/2017 Spennymoor (A) Lost 3-1

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National League North – Points 64 Position 11th

2015/16 National League North – Points 72 Position 4th

2014/15 National League North – Points 52 Position 15th

2013/14 National League North – Points 63 Position 9th

2012/13 National League North – Points 69 Position 6th

2011/12 National League North – Points 52 Position 15th

HARROGATE 2017/18 STATS

- Have the best goal difference in the division, plus 24
- Have scored the most goals in the league , 50
- Only behind Salford on points won away from home, 22. They have lost two away league games, at Spennymoor and FC United.
- Their top scorer is Simon Ainge with 11 league goals
- Over half their league games, 11, have seen at least four goals

Harrogate Town

LAST MATCH: WREXHAM 0 HARROGATE TOWN 2 FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND

Former Quaker Mark Beck scored his first two goals for his new club, as Harrogate recorded an impressive win at National League Wrexham to seal their place in the FA Trophy Second Round. Harrogate started on top with Beck coming close twice to opening the scoring. Wrexham's first opportunity arrived just after the half hour mark as Scott Boden flicked a header towards goal, but goalkeeper James Belshaw saved well.

Just minutes before half time Beck gave Town the lead as he guided George Thomson's floated cross into the net with a well placed header. Terry Kennedy almost doubled Harrogate's lead just after the break, but Wrexham keeper Christian Dibble turned his effort round the post. However, they did double their lead on 69 minutes when Beck grabbed his second again with his head at the back post from Ryan Fallowfield's cross.

Wrexham tried to find a way back into the game, but the closest they came was through Cameron McGregor whose snapshot hit the inside of the post. Harrogate held on though to claim a very impressive victory over a side a league higher then themselves. They will now play St Albans in the second round.

Team: Belshaw, Fallowfield, Parker, Falkingham, Kennedy, Burrell, Thomson, Kerry (Hudson 72), Beck (Swain 89), Agnew, Leesley

Subs not used: Thewlis, Cracknell, Vann

SQUAD:

Manager: Simon Weaver

Assistant manager: Paul Thirlwell

Goalkeepers: James Belshaw, Joe Cracknell

Defenders: Ryan Fallowfield, Jack Vann, Toby Lees, Bailey Gooda, Lachlan Barr, Ben Middleton, Terry Kennedy, Warren Burrell, Ben Parker, Ben O'Hanlon, Louie Swain

Midfielders: Josh Falkingham, Liam Agnew, Lloyd Kerry, Jack Emmett, George Thomson, Ellis Hudson, Joe Leesley

Forwards: Jordan Thewlis, Mark Beck, Marcus Day, Dominic Knowles, Simon Ainge

Manager - Simon Weaver

Harrogate Town Manager Simon Weaver is approaching his tenth season in charge at The CNG Stadium, making him one of English football's longest serving managers. In 2015/16 Weaver guided Town to a club high finish of fourth in the National League North and helped the club

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

Harrogate Town

reach the FA Cup 2nd Round in 2012/13. After featuring for the likes of Doncaster Rovers, Kidderminster and Scarborough in his days as a centre half, Weaver now has Town looking to reach the National League for the first time.

Top scorer - Simon Ainge

Simon Ainge joined Town from Yorkshire rivals Bradford Park Avenue in the summer of 2016, and has made a big impact so far at The CNG Stadium. Ainge was placed straight into the heart of Town's defence and has captained the side on multiple occasions, though it was his switch further up the pitch towards the end of the year that really caught the eye. 19 goals since the turn of the year, including four against Alfreton and hat-trick against National League North Winners AFC Fylde saw Ainge finish the season as top-scorer with 24 goals. The former Bradford City man was even named the league's Player of the Month in February before committing his future to the club, signing a two-year deal in May.

Ex-Quaker - Josh Falkingham

Josh Falkingham started his footballing career with Leeds United at the age of eight before joining Scottish Premier League side St Johnstone after 11 years at his hometown club.

The central midfielder with an eye for goal, then spent time north of the border at The Saints, Arbroath and Dunfermline Athletic, whom he captained and helped gain promotion to the Scottish Championship.

Falkingham came back to England with ourselves under Martin Gray, before moving to Harrogate in the summer.

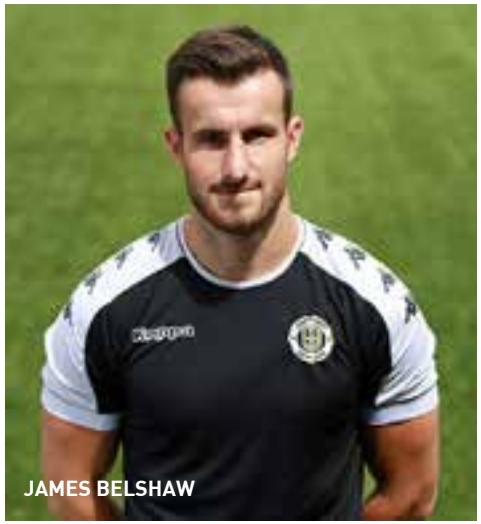
The prospect of returning to full time football as well as the opportunity for the UEFA 'B' Licence holder to take charge of the U21 side ensured Falkingham would be plying his trade at The CNG Stadium.

Mark Beck

Striker Mark Beck joined Harrogate Town from ourselves in November 2017 for an undisclosed fee. The six-foot-five forward was our top scorer in the 2016/17 season and played a huge part in our campaign that saw us miss out on the playoffs only due to regulations. Beck started his career at Carlisle United, before having spells at Falkirk, Yeovil Town and Wrexham.

HARROGATE TOWN– LAST SEASON

Harrogate had a fantastic start to last season only losing one of their first 12 games winning eight of these fixtures including a 1-0 win away at eventual promoted side Halifax. However, their form rapidly declined as they faced the other top sides in the division. They would go on to lose eight of their next ten games as they slipped out of the playoff places. After the turn of the year they managed to turn their results around, but too many draws left them an uphill battle to make the top five. Any slim chance they had of making the playoffs in the final months disappeared as they lost five games out of six including fixtures with playoff rivals Kidderminster and Halifax. They finished the campaign in 11th place. However, turning full-time in the summer has seen them reap the benefits, as they have had a great start to this campaign so far.



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Building the future together

>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

Good afternoon everybody and a very Happy Christmas to you all!

December has been a very frustrating month for everyone at the club and it's great to finally return to home league action today against Harrogate Town who are flying high in the table and pushing for automatic promotion. It is also good to welcome back Mark Beck who served the club well and was fantastic in his time here, but I hope he is very quiet today! Incidentally, we will also travel to Harrogate on New Year's Day for the return fixture so given our recent cup tie together both clubs will have a very clear understanding of each other by the end of the holiday period!

The recent weather has obviously disrupted Tommy's plans in recent weeks with the games being called off due to an unplayable pitch, despite the best efforts of ground staff and fans to try and get the pitch into an acceptable condition. Unfortunately the frosts were so deep that this proved unsuccessful. As I write, we are hopeful that the first team will have had a run out against Middlesbrough U23 side to get some much needed match fitness into them before the busy Christmas period. Many thanks to Middlesbrough and Craig Liddle in particular for supporting us with this fixture; it is a tremendous gesture and is hopefully the start of a closer relationship between our clubs moving forwards.

The cancellation of games also brings with it other pressures such as cash flow, whereby we have not had any gate income since our FA Trophy game with Harrogate on the 24th November. Obviously we have wages and other bills to pay so the Middlesbrough game and the matches over Christmas are important for us to replenish cash reserves through hopefully some high attendances.

During December I took the opportunity to outline the Boards' (both DFC and DFCSG) views and thoughts as to how we approach the future. The emergence of the Darlington Sporting Village proposal however, has generated interest as to the re-development of the Arena and the surrounding land. At this stage, it is a vision and the next step is to produce a detailed business plan to identify the commercial deliverability of the plan. This will involve meetings with all of the stakeholders and DFC will be involved in those discussions to ensure our requirements are clearly understood.

By the start of next season we will, however, have a ground at Blackwell Meadows that we have developed through our fans' fundraising to enable us to play in the National League. This is a tremendous achievement and you should be proud of your efforts in this project. The above Sporting Village proposal however does bring some confusion and uncertainty as to where and how the Council will allow future sporting development and as such I believe it is prudent to place on hold any further investment into the ground until these plans are known. The club will however continue to look for fund raising throughout next season, as we clearly want to start creating a surplus to support the development of income-generating assets that will provide a sustainable financial future. This will enable us to move quickly once the wider development plans are known. I would anticipate that these plans will be much clearer in the next six to nine months.

The key priorities for the club in the New Year are therefore to engage with all of the stakeholders to ensure our requirements are understood, support the short term cash flow to clear off the legacy debt and return to winning ways on the football field. I am confident we will deliver on all three fronts!

Finally, can I welcome the directors, officials, players and fans of Harrogate to the club and wish them a safe return journey after the match.

Enjoy the game and get behind the team!

David

Darlington FC – a sustainable future

Almost 200 fans turned up at the Dolphin Centre to hear a presentation by David Johnston.

Darlington chief executive officer David Johnston gave a very interesting presentation at the Dolphin Centre about building a sustainable future for the club.

After David's presentation in the Dolphin Centre, he and Chris Stockdale from the DFCSG, held a netcafe to answer questions sent in by fans. They were inundated! Here's a summarised selection of questions and answers.

One of the main points in David's presentation was about acquiring assets that can generate revenue for the club.

John Dunn asked: "I understand DJ wants to create assets that can bring money into the club. That is obviously extremely sensible.

"I think that he also suggested that a 3G pitch would cost ~£400k- £500k to install but would generate £700k per annum. If that is anywhere near right, then even allowing for additional running costs in administering the pitch business and maintaining it that is an astonishingly good return. Are there any plans to put a business plan / case together to justify the financing of exactly this project?"

David's reply: "I looked at 3G/4G pitches several years ago when I was watching "Goal" share prices (they had 42 pitches across the country at that time) and on investigation quickly realised these assets are both profitable and importantly cash generative. Your figures are slightly out but we would have to re-run my old financial models to determine what the cost would be – a pitch is relatively straight forward but would be c£450-500k but I would also like to include a clubhouse with bar facilities, space for our future Academy requirements, together with changing rooms and office space to make it our home. This would obviously increase the costs but the net profit that could be generated from a fully operational pitch is a significant sum that would resolve all of our cash flow issues for the foreseeable future and should remove the need for the continual fan contributions.

Naturally we would have to get planning and there is also the issue regarding supply/ demand in relation to pitch supply in the Darlington area. This will also affect profitability, so we would need to produce a detailed business plan and get approval once our preferred location is known."

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David also suggested a monthly direct debit scheme for supporters to help raise cash for the club.

Iain Weaver asked: "With regards to the DD idea of £40 per month - £480 per year – this could be seen as a huge sum on top of the price of a season ticket / regular match day tickets.

"Would it be an idea to look to incorporate a standard standing season ticket for each contributor if you donate this amount with money off a season ticket if you donate less than that figure e.g. donate £360 per year you get £120 off your season ticket, donate £420 you get £180 off your season ticket. I'm basing this on a standard season being around £240 per year. That way you'd be ensuring you get an extra £240 per person who takes up the scheme. I know it isn't the projected £480 but it may be more achievable.

"Another way of spreading the income throughout the year is to have a pay per month season ticket rather than everyone having to pay the full amount in one go. It may make the uptake of season tickets greater if you could spread the cost through the year"

David's reply: "Thanks for your suggestion, it is certainly something we can look at. One of the clear things to remember however is that the club needs not only the match day revenue we are currently getting but also the additional sums the fans raise through boost the budget, bucket collections, community pledges etc. We need to be careful that the schemes generated are not substitutional for the current income...any scheme we introduce must generate additional revenue. I will however take this idea forward to the Boards as your idea is worth discussing further."

Steve Bishop wondered if the club would become part of the proposed Sports Hub at the Arena.

"What's your view on the potential 'Sports Hub' at The Arena, could this be an opportunity to take the club to the next level? Are we actively looking at the opportunity of bringing a local private investor on board, who could build the club in collaboration with the fans?"

David replied: "The Sports Hub project, whilst being a very bold vision, clearly needs a supporting business plan showing all of the financial models before I can comment on its suitability for DFC.

"If we deal with the vision first; the concept of a sporting village within the town is clearly a good idea, regenerating the area and creating employment and opportunity and as the largest sporting club in Darlington it would make sense that we have a presence there.

"The business plan however is currently not available and until I can see what the financial implications are for DFC, I will not jeopardise the future of our club unless the commercial deal is beneficial for us. Any move to the village would need to enable us to create our own income generating assets that I mentioned on Monday evening and we would also need to understand clearly what the plans are for a ground.

"If the plans assume we are playing in the Arena, there are certain pre-requisites -- our league rules insist that we have primacy of tenure, and that the proposal for the Arena is for a plastic pitch – we cannot relocate on this assumption as whilst that would be ok for the National League, the current FA League requirements do not allow league games to be played on plastic.

"In its current form, the Arena in my opinion is not really fit for purpose. The fan experience with 2,000 fans in a 25,000 capacity stadium is not ideal and there is ageing infrastructure that could result in increasing operational costs. We will however have to wait for the plans to be developed and ensure that our requirements are clearly understood if there is to be any further development or re-development.

"In relation to your second question, the club is always open to any proposal concerning investment, but the current club structure prohibits any individual from obtaining more than 15% of the equity. Following the problems of recent years, the articles and rules were created to protect the club from falling into any one individual's hands and thus the fan owned model was developed.

"Therein lies an immediate conflict as I am assuming that any individual who wanted to invest significantly into the club would want a serious say if not control over how the club was run on a daily basis. This is currently not permitted.

"If, however, the Boards did decide that external investment coming in was in the interests of the club, the fans would have to vote to accept that, so it is a very complex position. Needless to say, we are not inundated with offers either, so this is the driving reason behind our approach to develop income generating assets that make the club both self-sufficient and financially sustainable."

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

The Sunderland goalkeeper connection

Jordan Pickford

Kevan Smith and Mark Prudhoe

Our new keeper, James Talbot, isn't the first that we've signed from Sunderland in the last thirty years.

The last keeper we brought in from the Black Cats was **Jordan Pickford**, whom Craig Liddle brought to the club in January 2012 when we were going through that infamous administration.

Pickford was aged 17 when he made his debut for us in that fundraising appeal game against Fleetwood on January 21st, 2012, when 5,638 fans saw us lose 1-0.

Pickford went on to make 17 league appearances for us – a very important contribution -- as we survived the season. It can't have done him any harm – four years later, he made his first team debut against Arsenal, and in June 2017 he was transferred to Everton for £25 million. He made his England debut against Germany last month.

Mark Prudhoe was our keeper in two glorious title winning years – the GM Vauxhall Conference in 1990 and the Fourth Division in 1991. He started his career at Sunderland, making seven appearances for them, before going to Birmingham, Walsall and Carlisle (amongst others) before Brian little signed him on 1989.

He played over 150 games for us, before he moved to Stoke City when Billy McEwan was Darlington manager, in 1993. He played for a few more clubs before he had a brief loan spell with us in 1999 when David Hodgson was manager.

He's now goalkeeping coach at Sunderland, so watch out for him attending a few Darlo matches.

David Preece was a young pro at Sunderland without making a first team appearance, and he joined us at the start of 1997-98 season.

David Preece

He made 106 appearances for us in two seasons, before he went to Aberdeen in 1999. He was our keeper on that famous night when we came back from two goals down to beat Burnley 3-2 in the FA cup first round at the Riverside.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Greg Mills

Darlington's new signing Greg Mills admits that he would have packed in football if it wasn't for Tommy Wright – he spoke to Ray Simpson.

Greg started his football career as a twelve-year-old at Derby County, and worked his way up to the first team until making two first team appearances. "I played through all of the age groups, and got into the first team squad. I had four managers! It was Nigel Clough who gave me my debut, just down the road from Darlington at Middlesbrough, and I made my other appearance against Ipswich. I was involved with the first team from the age of 17, all the way through until I got released.

"I had just been tipped to push on in the first team and make more appearances, when I injured my Achilles, and I was out for six months. I fell down the pecking order as new people came in. I went out on loan to Telford, played a few games for them, and then I was released by Derby at the age of 23.

"I joined Telford on a permanent basis. I got in the division's team of the year when Telford were promoted from the Conference North to Conference Premier, and when we were promoted, I played against Darlington in the Conference Premier. We were a part time team in a full-time league, and we did all right. But we were a young team, and the manager at the time wanted to bring in some experienced players, and I got phased out. I was either a sub or not even in the squad.

"I was used to playing week in and week out, so I went to Worcester. I had a few more clubs after that, and it got to the point where I wasn't taking football seriously. I played for clubs as far apart as Barrow and King's Lynn, for example, hoping that I would find the right place that suited me.

"But none of them did. I'm not going to lie, I fell out of love with football for six months, then Tommy called me on the recommendation of a team mate at the time, and he persuaded me to come back and enjoy my football. He thought that we would be a good fit, and he turned out to be right!"

Tommy was manager of Corby then, and building a team that would win the Southern League, and win promotion to Conference North.

"My record under Tommy goals-wise was ridiculous. I scored regularly under Tommy at Corby -- and that was playing as a winger. You would have to ask him how he managed it, but he got the best out of me at that time. I scored one in two games when I was at Corby, and then one in three under him at Nuneaton. I was third top scorer with 23 in the Southern League when I was at Corby and won promotion, and then the following season in Conference North, I scored 19 – and we were relegated. I scored nearly half our goals that season.

"Tommy wanted me to stay at the club after relegation back

to the Southern League, but I wanted to keep on playing at Conference North level, so I joined Tamworth, and then rejoined Tommy at Nuneaton last summer.

"I've scored goals in this league before, and I know that I can do it again. I'm sure that under Tommy and the massive fanbase we have here at Darlington, that I can kick on and score as many goals as I did before

"Tommy is a big factor in me coming to play here, I have loads of respect for him, because he helped me enjoy my football again. I played against Darlington for Telford when they were in the Conference Premier and I played against them for Tamworth last season. I know that Darlington is a big club. I know about the aspirations of Tommy and Alan White, and I want to be a part of it. It's been a stop-start few weeks though because of the postponements, it would be great to get some games in."

HARROGATE TOWN
THE UNLIKELY LADS

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

> TONY INGHAM

Former Harrogate Town left-back Tony Ingham holds QPR's appearance record. Born locally, he impressed with Harrogate in the West Yorkshire League prior to joining Leeds United in April 1947. Unable to secure a regular first-team slot, he moved to QPR in June 1950 and was ever-present in five successive seasons. He twice represented the Third Division (South) and made a club record 514 League appearances before hanging up his boots in May 1963. Becoming QPR's first commercial manager, he had a spell as club secretary, then was a director. His outstanding service is marked by the Tony Ingham Suite at Loftus Road. He died in April 2010.

> DAVID HARVEY

One-time Harrogate Town goalkeeper David Harvey was an important figure in Leeds United's 1973-74 League Championship success. Born locally, he turned professional at Elland Road in February 1965 and provided reliable cover for Gary Sprake as Leeds were League Championship runners-up in three successive seasons. He

featured in three FA Cup finals, including their 1972 Wembley triumph. Rejoining Leeds from Vancouver Whitecaps in March 1983, he made 350 League appearances overall before joining Bradford City in February 1985. He was later Whitby Town's player-manager, then assisted Harrogate and had a variety of occupations.

> ANDY WATSON

Striker Andy Watson made over 350 League appearances after leaving Harrogate Town. He was a regular goalscorer for Harrogate in the Northern Premier League before joining Halifax Town in August 1988, moving to Swansea City in July 1990.

Featuring in their 1991 Welsh Cup final success, he joined Carlisle United in September 1991 and was leading marksman in 1991-92. He moved to Blackpool in February 1993 and was top scorer in 1993-94, then helped them qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1995-96. Later playing for Walsall until injury problems curtailed his career, he then coached at Halifax Town's centre of excellence.

> NEIL ASPIN

Central defender Neil Aspin was 'Player of the Year' as Harrogate Town won the Northern Premier League First Division title in 2001-02. Signing professional for Leeds United in October 1982, he helped them reach the FA Cup semi-finals and Second Division play-off final in 1986-87. He moved to Port Vale in July 1989, starring in their 1993 Autoglass Trophy final triumph and 1993-94 promotion success. Joining Darlington in July 1999, he later had a spell with Hartlepool United, becoming Harrogate's player-coach in July 2001. He managed them from December 2004 until May 2009, since managing FC Halifax Town, hometown Gateshead and Port Vale.

> NICKY MOHAN

One-time Harrogate Town central defender Nicky Mohan featured in Stoke City's 2000 Auto Windscreens Shield final triumph. Starting with hometown Middlesbrough, he helped them win promotion in 1991-92 and reunited with Brian Little at Leicester City for £330,000 in July 1994. Sold to Bradford City for £225,000 in July 1995, he had a spell with Wycombe Wanderers before linking up with Little again at Stoke in March 1999, then followed him to Hull City in July 2001. He made nearly 400 League appearances, then had spells with Gateshead, Harrogate, Spennymoor United, Thornaby, Bishop Auckland, Stokesley and Guisborough Town.

> MARK ATKINS

One-time Harrogate Town midfielder Mark Atkins featured in Blackburn Rovers' 1994-95 Premier League title triumph. Starting with Scunthorpe United, he joined Blackburn in June 1988 and helped them regain top-flight status under Kenny Dalglish in 1991-92. He joined Wolves for £1,000,000 in September 1995 and starred as they reached the First Division play-offs in 1996-97. Moving to York City in August 1999, he had spells with Doncaster Rovers, Hull City and Shrewsbury Town before becoming Harrogate's player-coach in June 2003. He also assisted John Reed at Stalybridge Celtic between January 2005 and April 2007, then managed Matlock.

> LEE DUXBURY

Midfielder Lee Duxbury made nearly 600 League appearances before joining Harrogate Town. Signing professional for Bradford City in July 1988, he moved to Huddersfield Town for £250,000 in December 1994 and skippered their 1994-95 Second Division play-off final triumph. He rejoined Bradford City for £135,000 in November 1995 and was a Second Division play-off final winner again in 1995-96. Joining Oldham Athletic for £350,000 in March 1997, he was top scorer in 2000-01 and moved to Bury in June 2003. He joined Harrogate in September 2004, then Farsley Celtic and Glenavon before coaching Oldham and managing Eccleshill United.

> PAUL MUSSELWHITE

One-time Harrogate Town goalkeeper Paul Musselwhite was ever-present in Port Vale's 1993-94 promotion campaign. Initially with hometown Portsmouth, he moved via Scunthorpe United to Port Vale in July 1992. Featuring in their 1993 Autoglass Trophy final triumph, he moved to Hull City in September 2000. He was a promotion winner in 2003-04, then returned to Scunthorpe in August 2004 and was ever-present in their 2004-05 promotion success. Later with Eastleigh, he reunited with Neil Aspin at Harrogate in June 2007, making eight appearances before joining Gateshead in January 2008. He has since become a goalkeeping coach.

> NOEL WHELAN

Former England U-21 striker Noel Whelan appeared for Harrogate Town during the 2008-09 campaign. Initially with hometown Leeds United, he helped them win the FA Youth Cup in 1993 and joined Coventry City for £2,000,000 in December 1995. He remained in the top-flight after joining Middlesbrough for £2,000,000 in August 2000 and moved to Millwall in August 2003, then had spells with Derby County, Aberdeen, Boston United, Livingston and Dunfermline before joining Harrogate in December 2008. Later playing for Darlington, he returned to Derby as an Academy coach and has since been a match summariser for BBC Radio Leeds.

> TREVOR BENJAMIN

Former England U-21 striker Trevor Benjamin briefly played for Harrogate Town in 2009-10. He turned professional with Cambridge United in February 1997 and starred in their 1998-99 promotion success and League Cup run. Sold to Leicester City for £1,000,000 in July 2000, the Jamaica international helped regain Premier League status at the first attempt in 2002-03. He was loaned to numerous clubs before joining Hereford United in August 2007, then dropped into non-League football. Moving to Harrogate in October 2009, he netted three goals in five games including two on his debut against Northwich Victoria. He later managed Morpeth.

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

It's a very busy day today in the Vanarama National League North, and Chris Sykes looks at some of the games.

Blyth Spartans v Spennymoor

In something of a North East derby, two sides who've impressed following last season's promotions from the NPL, meet at Croft Park. Blyth sit in the play-off positions after a strong first half of the campaign, helped in large part by the goals of leading scorer Dan Maguire. Spartans are the division's second top scorers, but have conceded more goals than anyone in the top seven.

Spennymoor meanwhile have embedded themselves in the promotion race, although recent defeats to Leamington and Stockport have slowed down their progress. The sides will meet again on New Year's Day at Brewery Field.

North Ferriby v York

Two Yorkshire sides with very different aspirations this season meet at Grange Lane. North Ferriby remain marooned at the bottom of the table after a wretched opening five months of the season. The Villagers, who are under new ownership following local businessman Jamie Waltham's purchase of the club last month, replaced Steve Housham as manager with ex-Scarborough assistant Chris Bolder. York's boss Martin Gray, who left Darlington earlier in the campaign to replace Gary Mills, has seen his side exit the FA Trophy to Kidderminster. They remain on the coattails of the play-off places.

FC United of Manchester v Salford

In a Manchester derby, FC United will be hoping to spring a surprise against overwhelming title favourites Salford. The hosts have enjoyed six wins from 11 at home this campaign. Meanwhile runaway leaders Salford haven't lost away from home this season and will be looking to extend their lead over nearest title rivals Brackley and Harrogate Town.

Leamington v Brackley

Along with Harrogate Town, Brackley have proved to be the main challengers to the league leaders. Their away form has proven to be their Achilles' Heel, with just three victories in 10 away matches.

They travel to Leamington, who've faltered recently with three defeats in four games following a seven-game unbeaten run.

AFC Telford v Kidderminster

Mid-table AFC Telford have moved away from the relegation zone after positive form in recent months. Rob Edwards' team have the second worst home record in the division, although they have lost only one of their last five league games. Kidderminster meanwhile have become serious play-off contenders, and have lost only one of their last six away league matches.

Boston v Gainsborough

In this Lincolnshire derby, featuring two sides battling relegation, Boston will be hoping to maintain their positive form at York Street, after taking seven points from their last three games.

Gainsborough Trinity have improved their form in December, picking up three wins in a row. They also have games in hand on the sides above them.

Chorley v Southport

Chorley will head into today's game with struggling Southport full of confidence, after going unbeaten in their last nine home games. Southport meanwhile are eight without a win on the road and have dropped into relegation trouble.

Bradford Park Avenue v Curzon Ashton

Bradford Park Avenue are arguably the league's surprise package of the season, having moved into play-off contention. They have however just four home wins to their name so far, the worst record in the top 10. But Curzon Ashton will need to improve on their away form, which has seen them win just once on the road so far.

Nuneaton v Tamworth

Struggling Nuneaton host Tamworth in a Midlands derby, looking to improve on a run of home form which has seen them take only one point from their last three games. The Lambs on the other hand will be confident of three points, having lost only once in five away games.

Stockport v Alfreton

Play-off chasing Stockport have been in good form at Edgeley Park this season, losing just twice on home soil. Meanwhile, Alfreton are only three points above the relegation zone, despite being 15th in the table.

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THE EX FACTOR

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

ANDY CROSBY AND NIGEL ADKINS

Andy Crosby has been appointed the new assistant manager at Championship club Hull City.

43 year old Crosby, who led Darlo out at Wembley for the 1996 play off final, was handed the job as assistant to Nigel Adkins, who was appointed when Leonid Slutsky was sacked.

Top priority is reducing the number of goals conceded – up to the 16th December Hull had conceded 40 goals in 22 league matches -- and Crosby said; "Obviously I hope that can be the case and the amount of goals that we have conceded is there for everybody to see," said Crosby, who played more than 700 games in a career that took in seven clubs including Brighton & Hove Albion, Oxford United and Scunthorpe United.

"As a team it hasn't been good enough. As somebody that played as a defender, I know that the finger often gets pointed at the goalkeeper and the back four as if it is only their problem – it isn't.

"We have to defend better as a team, both in open play and from set pieces. We need to have players desperate to keep the ball out of their net, just as we have players desperate to score a goal.

"We don't seem to have had a problem scoring goals and that continued last weekend, but we can't continue with having to score two, three or four times to win a match.

"If we want to move up the table we have to reduce the amount of crosses coming into our box and the amount of shots opposition teams are having as that all contributes towards conceding fewer goals.

"We have a great working environment here and people who are desperate to do well – players and staff. The reaction of the players has been fantastic and they're open to things. They've given us some feedback as well on what they feel can help them to move forward and it has been good so far."

Graeme Armstrong has gone to South Shields in the EvoStik First Division North.

Armstrong was unable to gain a regular place in the Spennymoor first team, and he opted to drop down two divisions.

He has a promotion pedigree, having won promotion twice with ourselves and Gateshead, and once with Spennymoor.

"I'm absolutely delighted to be here at Shields," he said. "From the outside looking in, I could see how well South Shields were doing and how ambitious they are.

"When you see that, I think it's a no-brainer when you get the opportunity to come and play here. The fanbase is absolutely brilliant, with an average home gate of more than 1,500 so far this season. When the opportunity came around, it was really difficult to pass up."

Armstrong scored his first goal for the Mariners in their 5-1 win at Brighouse on 16th December.

Adam Dawson, who played two games for us on loan from Tranmere earlier in the season, has joined Southport.

Jefferson Louis, who played six games for us in the 2011-12 season, has signed for Chesham United, the 37th club of his career after leaving Banbury United. He has only played more than 50 games for a club twice in his career – at Oxford United and Wealdstone.

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST

It is 20 years ago today since Mario Dorner delivered a knockout blow on Boxing Day, scoring twice in a 4-2 win over Macclesfield Town.

Michael Oliver contributed to one of Quakers' best performances of the season, and he helped put Darlington ahead when he found Glenn Naylor with an incisive diagonal pass, Naylor lifting the ball over Ryan Price for 1-0.

After a Steve Gaughan own goal, Darlington regained the lead when Oliver dribbled past two defenders and hit a low shot into the bottom corner.

Then Dorner took control. Signed two months earlier, he capped his return from injury with two goals in seven second half minutes.

First, he pounced on a mistake by full back Cec Edey to slot past Price, and then volleyed home for 4-1 when Simon Shaw ran through four defenders on the right.

Macclesfield's John Askey pulled one back in the final minute, after Dorner had left the field to loud cheers when substituted.

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STEVE'S *Christmas* QUIZ

All of these questions have answers which can be associated with Christmastime, even if some of the spellings are not identical.

1. Which former Darlington player kept the fizz in two seasons' worth of champagne?
2. In which country is Mount Ararat situated?
3. Which High Street retail store, selling household electrical goods, went out of business in December, 2012?
4. Who is the patron saint of Bohemia who has a monument dedicated to him in Prague?
5. Which poisonous plant which attaches itself to trees and shrubs has the Latin name viscum album?
6. Which former Quaker defender and Gibraltar international could be Caspar, Melchior or Balthazar, but not all three?
7. In the 1961 film Breakfast at Tiffany's what was the name of Audrey Hepburn's character?
8. What is Cockney rhyming slang for your eyes?
9. Which car model did Riley manufacture as an alternative to the Mini?
10. Which predominantly Northern League goalkeeper made 13 appearances for the Quakers in the mid-60s?
11. Which whisky distillery was established in 1798 and is located in the Scottish town of Pitlochry?
12. What is the Christian name of Diesel, who gave his name to the motor engine he developed?
13. What was the TV series called which was set in Manchester and centred round a criminal psychologist?
14. Who was the first American to travel into space?
15. Which former Quaker could be seen flying down the wing, or maybe perched on top of a tree?
16. Which Irish rock band had a UK Number 1 hit in the 1990s with the song 'Zombie'?
17. What is the name of the fun fair held in Nottingham every October?
18. What was the name of the racehorse which won the Derby in 1964?
19. Rumania has had two kings with this Christian name but what is it?
20. What is the nickname of Altrincham Football Club?

HOW DID YOU DO?

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POINTS SCORED	
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

by Simon Weatherill

Memory Match

Simon Weatherill continues his Memory Match series with the 3-1 away win at Doncaster on 28th December 1993.

As rubbish starts to the season go, 1993/94 takes some beating. No wins in the first 13 league games and only 7 goals scored is not exactly promotion form!! Also included in that dismal run was an 11-1 aggregate hammering at the hands of Bradford City in the 1st round of the Coca Cola Cup.

Something clearly had to change, and the unpopular manager Billy McEwan paid the price. Officially he resigned, but whether he jumped just before he was about to be pushed is a matter of conjecture. Former Pools boss Alan Murray was given the task of reviving Darlington's fortunes, and he immediately installed Eddie Kyle as his assistant. Their first game in charge was away at Scunthorpe and resulted in a 3-0 defeat. Their first home game was on the following Tuesday evening against Colchester, and no one could have predicted how that would turn out. The Quakers doubled their season's goal tally in one action-packed evening as they thumped Colchester 7-3 in front of 1299 fans, all of them hoping that Murray could lead them up the table. They managed to win their next two home games as well, but as the Christmas fixtures approached, things still looked bleak, as Darlington were second bottom in the Division 3 table with 15 points from 19 games. The only team behind them were Northampton Town, who occupied the one and only relegation spot.

The first game of the festive programme saw the Quakers beaten 3-1 at home by Carlisle United, in front of a season's best crowd of 4,831. The following afternoon, Tuesday 28th December, they would travel to Belle Vue to take on Doncaster Rovers. Rovers were having a mixed season. Only a month previously they'd been sat in sixth place and were eyeing a promotion charge, but three defeats on the trot had dropped them into the bottom half of the table. They currently sat in 14th place with 26 points from their 19 games. The Quakers made one change to their starting eleven for the Doncaster game, Mark Sunley replacing Laurie Pearson. Sunley would play at right back in a five-man defence with skipper Steve O'Shaughnessy dropping back from midfield to play alongside Mattie Appleby and Andy Crosby in the centre of defence.

Doncaster appealed for volunteers on the morning of the game and supporters of both clubs joined together to clear snow off the pitch to allow the game to go ahead. A crowd of 2194 turned out at Belle Vue to see the game. They saw the Quakers take the lead in the 10th minute with virtually their first attack. Mark Sunley swung in a free kick, which was touched on by Paul Cross and volleyed home by Gary Chapman at the far post.

The Quakers very nearly increased their lead in the opening minute of the second half but Lee Ellison's close-range effort was beaten away by Donny keeper Andy Beasley. The home side were now well on top and grabbed a deserved equaliser in the 58th minute, when a Williamson cross was headed home by Don Page. Rovers' momentum was interrupted two minutes later though by a floodlight failure. Only one light was left on in the whole of the ground, and that was in the press box.

The players left the field for seven minutes while the problem was fixed, and the Quakers used the break to regroup and sort themselves out. They took control after the restart and regained the lead in the 68th minute. Steve Gaughan, playing against his former club, made a good run to the edge of the box, before squaring the ball to Ellison, who fired home. Things got even better for the Quakers eight minutes later when Ellison controlled a long clearance from Darren Collier and flicked the ball into the path of Robbie Painter, who beat Beasley with a right foot shot. Darlington had to reorganise two minutes later when keeper Collier was flattened by home centre forward Kevin Hulme and had to leave the field for stitches to a nose wound. His place was taken by 17-year-old debutant Ryan Scott. The enforced switch didn't affect the Quakers too much and they almost added a fourth as Painter fired wide from six yards out, and then the striker was unlucky not to score deep in injury time when his drive from Chapman's pass was headed off the line.

The 3-1 victory was Darlington's first away win of the season, but it was their third victory in succession at Belle Vue, which had become a happy hunting ground, after 1-0 wins in their two previous visits. It also proved to be the one and only first team appearance that Ryan Scott ever made. Twelve minutes was the sum total of his Darlington career.

The three points lifted the Quakers to third from bottom in the table but only two wins in the next ten ensured that they never escaped the battle to avoid bottom spot. They spent much of the season in last place and with four games left they found themselves three points adrift of Northampton, but a late rally saw them win three out of the last four to leapfrog the Cobblers into 21st place. Northampton actually escaped relegation to the Conference because Kidderminster's ground wasn't up to standard and so they were denied promotion to the Football League.

Doncaster produced a 36-page programme "The Rovers Review" priced at £1. There were two pages dedicated to the visitors, including pen pictures of the players, a team photograph and a list of previous results between the clubs. The team line-ups were on the back page.

Team v Doncaster : 1 Darren Collier 2 Mattie Appleby 3 Paul Cross 4 Gary Himsworth 5 Andy Crosby 6 Mark Sunley 7 Steve Gaughan 8 Robbie Painter 9 Lee Ellison 10 Gary Chapman 11 Steve O'Shaughnessy Subs 12 Simon Shaw (replaced Sunley, 70 mins) 14 Peter Kirkham (not used) 15 Ryan Scott (replaced Collier, 78 mins)

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Reserves

The reserves were within seconds of achieving their best result of the season in their last game before the Wearside League Christmas break.

The lads led 2-1 against league leaders Cleator Moor Celtic until deep into stoppage time, when the visitors snatched an equaliser.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said; "We were all gutted after the game, because we had come so close to beating them. They pushed everyone forward in stoppage time, and we endured an aerial bombardment.

"We worked really hard to get in front after going an early goal down, but a little bit of inexperience cost us at the end. It's still a good point, but it could have been so much better."

After Cleator Moor took the lead after 10 minutes, Quakers levelled when Liam Marrs broke down the right and crossed for Gareth McMahon to score.

Vinny Steels had a strong penalty claim turned down and then a panicked Cleator defender hit his own bar with a clearance before Steels picked he ball up on the left, beat his full back, and beat the keeper. But then in stoppage time, a Cleator player was left unmarked to score the equaliser.

In their previous game, they came back from 2-1 down to win 5-2 against South Shields Reserves.

The lads played some great football in the second half to help them come back from 2-1 down and pick up the three points, while Dale Milburn scored two cracking goals.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said; "We were much better in the second half than we were in the first. We controlled the game more, passed the ball around better, and played some good football.

"We stopped making mistakes and giving away goals. Hopefully, the fans who turned up for the game enjoyed it."

Dale Milburn

Quakers took the lead with a good effort by Johnny Hope, but then a poor clearance and an unmarked header let Shields back into the game and lead 2-1.

But Dale Milburn then produced a cracking effort for the equaliser, when he hit a shot from the left hand side that went across the keeper into the top corner, and just on half time Derek Wade made it 3-2 with a header from a corner.

It was 4-2 midway through the second half when Niall Smith beat a couple of defenders and knocked the ball past the keeper, and with five minutes left Milburn produced another great finish for the fifth.

The lads went into the Christmas break seventh in the table, and looking good for a top half finish.

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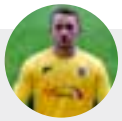

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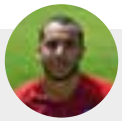

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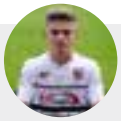

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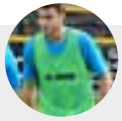

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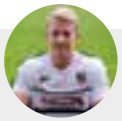

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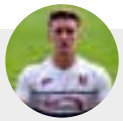

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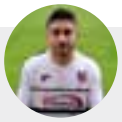

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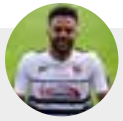

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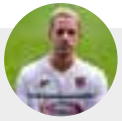

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DFCSG notes

>> BY CHRIS STOCKDALE

Good afternoon, season's greetings and a warm welcome to our visitors this afternoon, Harrogate Town. It's just over a month since we were just edged out in a very competitive FA Trophy game and hopefully today will provide another entertaining encounter but with Darlo coming out on top this time. A warm welcome back to Mark Beck and Josh Falkingham, who if selected will I'm sure enjoy some very competitive tussles with their old team mates.

Fans Forum – Building a sustainable future

Many thanks to all the fans that came along to the Dolphin Centre a couple of weeks ago to hear DFC Chief Executive Officer David Johnston lay out the way forward for our club. The Supporters Group worked very closely with the Football Club Directors to formulate the presentation and I firmly believe we are now putting in place the right structures and strategies to continue to move our football club forward. There is so much potential to exploit both off the field and on it, but equally it will take a lot of hard work, some patience and a modicum of good luck to achieve results.

Rest assured the Supporters Group board will be working extremely hard on your behalf to support the DFC Directors and in particular focusing on bringing fresh ideas and energy to improving the matchday experience for our supporters.

Raise the Roof – installation plan and dates

Since our last programme notes there have been some notable steps forward for our club. Most importantly on December 1st the £50,000 Raise the Roof target was achieved. We would like to thank everyone who pledged towards the community

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shares scheme, donated to the Ground Development fund and Sponsor a Seat. It was an amazing achievement to hit our target over four weeks ahead of schedule and once again a testament to our fans and members who continue to back our club so magnificently.

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

As we hit our fundraising target for Raise the Roof earlier than forecast, the Football Club have taken the opportunity to optimise the installation timeline and associated works. The seating block is arriving in the UK in early January but it is more efficient to install the roofing structure first. So, if everything works to schedule you will see the construction of the roof structure start at the end of January (due to order time on the steel framework) and with works scheduled to take four weeks we hope that the Kidderminster home game on February 24th will see the new seated stand in use for the first time.

Sponsor a Seat

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

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 Harrogate Town on New Year's Day, departing at 12.30pm and Alfreton Town on Saturday 13 January, departing at 11am. The fare to Harrogate Town is £10 and £20 to Alfreton Town but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS

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

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

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

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

And

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Good afternoon everyone . I hope the weather is kind to us today and we have a great game ahead of us against our near neighbours Harrogate Town. I'm hoping we can end the year on a high – Come on Darlo!

Christmas Greetings

We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year from everyone at Quaker Retail -- that's Glen, Mary, Lynne, Linda, Margaret, Angela, Dave, Terry, Hilary and me. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Let's hope it's a great one for Darlington Football Club.

A BIG thank you

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who works in Quaker Retail for their hard work and for giving up their time so freely all year round but especially over the last few weeks when everyone has put in extra hours. What a brilliant team!

Quaker Retail Shop

Our Quaker Retail shop will be open over the Christmas period on the 27th 28th and 29th December and then reopen in the New Year on the 2nd January. Our usual opening hours remain 10 -1.

Avec Orders

Avec, our suppliers of shirts and leisurewear are closed from Thursday 21st December until 2nd January so any orders made over the next couple of weeks either online or in the shop won't be delivered to us until around 5th January then posted out the next day. You will of course be able to buy any of our other merchandise which isn't supplied by Avec.

Shirt Sales

At the last count, not including Christmas week sales, we had sold 1,004 shirts. What a great achievement by our fans again reaching that magic 1,000! It's great to see so many people wearing both the home and away shirts. Last year we sold 1400 shirts over the full season so I wonder if we can hit that target again? That would be amazing!

New Style Tie

We have a brand new design for our DFC tie which has just arrived this week. I hope you like it. Our new tie costs £12 and is ideal for those smart occasions.

Winter Warmers

Padded Jacket

Avec have just taken a delivery of Small, Medium and Large Padded Jackets which were previously out of stock so if you want to keep warm this Winter then why not treat yourself with your Christmas money? Priced at £50 – money well spent for those freezing cold days at Blackwell Meadows.

Bench Coat

Our bench coat is proving to be very popular with our fans as it offers a below the knee coat which is both warm and waterproof – ideal for those winter days either at the match or at your leisure. Our bench coat is priced at £60 so why not come and try one on and see how warm and comfortable they are?

Gilet

If you are looking for an extra layer of warmth then our gilet should do the trick. Our stylish gilet offers warmth without weight. They are water resistant and have a removable hood. There is a full zip and an elasticated hem. Our black or claret gilet retails at £38.

Well that's all from me. Once again have a very merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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On This Day

Glenn Naylor

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

December 19th 1998

League Two
Darlington 3 Scunthorpe United 1, attendance 2,460

Four days earlier, Quakers had narrowly lost 1-0 in extra time to Manchester City in an FA Cup first round replay – for those you of less than a certain age, you read that correctly. At the time, City were in League One!

We shrugged off the disappointment of that defeat by defeating Scunthorpe at Feethams. Glenn Naylor put us in front on 5 minutes, then Johnny Leah scored the second on 59 minutes. Phil Brumwell put through his own goal to let Scunthorpe back into the game, but Gary Bennett, later to become Darlo manager, got the third near the end.

Team: Preece, Tutill, Liddle, Barnard, Bennett, Brumwell, Oliver, Leah, Atkinson, Gabbiadini, Naylor. Subs: Pepper, Ellison, Dorner

December 22nd 2007

League Two
Lincoln City 0 Darlington 4, attendance 4025

Promotion hopes were high for Quakers coming into this game, because in our previous away game, we had won 4-0 at Grimsby to go second in the table.

But just like at Blundell Park, Quakers played some great stuff at Sincil Bank to again win 4-0.

We were 3-0 up at half time. Richie Foran put us a goal up on 11 minutes, Clark Keltie converted a penalty on the half hour, and Micky Cummins made it 3-0 on half time, then he scored another six minutes into the second half.

Team: Stockdale, Ridley, Foster (sub Miller 77), White, Purdie, Keltie, Cummins, Joachim, Wright (sub Abbott 66), Blundell (sub Austin 73), Foran

Subs not used: Oakes, McBride

December 14th 2010

FA Trophy first round

Darlington 3 Tamworth 2, attendance 432

Were you one of the 432 who turned up for this midweek game? The match had been postponed because of a frozen pitch a few days before, and re-arranged for the following Tuesday.

The loyal few, who were in two blocks in the main stand, saw a good game, but many thought this was a distraction to Quakers' attempts to bounce back into the Football League after being relegated the season before.

The 432 of course, could proudly claim that they had been present at the start of the run that would see Quakers winning the Trophy at Wembley five months later.

Curtis Main scored twice, with Aman Verma, on loan from Leicester, scoring the other, all the goals coming in the second half. Current Darlo manager Tommy Wright also played a part.

Team: Russell, Brown, Miller, Hone, Brough, Gillespie (sub G Smith), Moore, Bridge-Wilkinson, Verma, Louis (sub Wright), Main (sub Josh Gray)

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QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

STEVE'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. David Cork 2. Turkey 3. Comet 4. Wenceslas 5. Mistletoe 6. Scott Wiseman 7. Holly Golightly 8. Mince pies 9. Riley Elf 10. Ray Snowball 11. Bells 12. Rudolph 13. Cracker 14. Alan Shepard 15. Mark Angel 16. The Cranberries 17. Nottingham Goose Fair 18. Santa Claus 19. Carol 20. The Robins

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1	**Salford City**	**20**	**16**	**2**	**2**	**36**	**14**	**50**	**+22**
2	Brackley	21	12	6	3	39	18	42	+21
3	Harrogate Town	20	12	5	3	50	25	41	+24
4	Blyth Spartans	20	12	0	8	46	34	36	+12
5	Spennymoor Town	20	10	4	5	37	30	34	+7
6	Bradford PA	21	9	5	7	33	27	32	+6
7	Kidderminster	20	8	7	5	36	28	31	+8
8	Tamworth	21	9	4	8	35	35	31	0
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10	Stockport County	21	8	5	8	41	32	29	+9
11	York City	20	8	5	7	34	29	29	+5
12	AFC Telford United	19	8	1	10	28	33	25	-5
13	Curzon Ashton	20	6	7	7	26	32	25	-6
14	FC United	21	7	3	11	32	40	24	-8
15	Alfreton Town	20	7	2	11	32	35	23	-3
16	**Darlington**	**20**	**5**	**7**	**8**	**25**	**29**	**22**	**-4**
17	Leamington	20	6	4	10	26	33	22	-7
18	Boston United	21	6	4	11	29	39	22	-10
19	Southport	21	5	7	9	29	45	22	-16
20	Gainsborough Trinity	19	6	3	10	25	36	21	-11
21	Nuneaton Town	20	5	5	10	27	35	20	-8
22	North Ferriby	20	1	4	15	9	50	7	-41

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	17	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	12	0	1	0	1	0	53	0	3	1	19	0
Gary Brown	7	0	1	0	1	0	159	3	12	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	3	1	0	0	0	72	5	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	9	1	0	0	1	0	87	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	11	5	1	1	1	0	11	5	1	1	1	0
Dominic Collins	20	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	13	0	1	0	4	0	29	1	1	0	5	0
Terry Galbraith	19	0	2	0	3	0	186	14	16	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	18	1	1	1	5	0	47	9	3	1	15	0
Josh Heaton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	10	1	1	0	0	0	39	3	4	0	0	0
Greg Mills	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tom Portas	9	3	1	0	0	0	87	17	8	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	3	14	0	1	1	0	3	25	0	1	3	0
Leon Scott	6	7	0	0	0	0	161	36	14	1	20	0
Reece Styche	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
David Syers	11	4	2	0	4	0	30	13	3	1	12	0
Stephen Thompson	14	3	1	0	0	0	208	12	15	3	68	6
Phil Turnbull	19	0	2	0	0	0	99	1	4	1	1	0
Luke Trotman	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	5	5	1	0	1	0	5	5	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
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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	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																			
Tues	Dec	26th	Harrogate Town	H																			
Mon	Jan	1st	Harrogate Town	A																			
Sat	Jan	6th	York City	H																			
Sat	Jan	13th	Alfreton (also FA Trophy 2r)	A																			
Sat	Jan	20th	Chorley	H																			
Sat	Jan	27th	Leamington	A																			
Sat	Feb	3rd	Blyth Spartans (also FA Trophy 3r)	H																			
Sat	Feb	10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
Sat	Feb	17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat	Feb	24th	Kidderminster Harriers (also FA Trophy 4r)	H																			
Sat	Mar	3rd	Tamworth	A																			
Sat	Mar	10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
Sat	Mar	17th	North Ferriby(also FA Trophy semi final first leg)	H																			
Sat	Mar	24th	AFC Telford United (also FA Trophy semi final second leg)	A																			
Sat	Mar	31st	Southport	H																			
Mon	Apr	2nd	Spennymoor Town	A																			
Sat	Apr	7th	Boston United	H																			
Sat	Apr	14th	FC United of Manchester	A																			
Sat	Apr	21st	Nuneaton Town	H																			
Sat	Apr	28th	Stockport County	A																			
Wed	May	2nd	play off qualifying round																				
Sun	May	6th	play off semi final																				
Sat	May	12th	play off final																				

SEASON'S STATS

Yellow Card
Red Card

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

Last match

V Harrogate lost 2-3

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Paws and claws.
Three Squares Café
Coniscliffe News
Brian's Hairdressers
Sweeny's Barbers
Quaker House
J&G Deli
Mulholland&Son Butchers
Craig Shields Fruit & Veg
The Diner
Robin Blair Fruit & Veg
Shanie's Barbers (under covered market)
Cockerton Village Shops
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Today's sponsors are related to Charlie Parias, a Darlington businessman and lifelong Darlo supporter whose grandfather George Paylor was one of the founders of Darlington FC. Charlie took the first steps to more serious involvement by becoming a member of the Vice Presidents Club, along with his son, Brian, and son-in-law Doug Peacock in 1975. An opportunity arose to take up full Director status in 1977 and Charlie was duly elected, serving until 1988 when for the best interests of the club he stepped aside to allow the election of a new Director who promised an input of funds at a time when the club were yet again on the breadline. During Charlie's time on the Board the club gained promotion, suffered relegation and very nearly went to the wall - having to be bailed out by a fighting fund organised by The Evening Despatch and backed by the fans and general population of Darlington who at the time were determined not to see the club fold. Charlie's highlights were probably (apart from the promotion years obviously) having his grandsons as mascots v Rotherham at Feethams, an FA Cup visit to Everton, and an FA Cup replay against Orient at White Hart Lane - both of which inevitably ended in heroic defeat -- and Brian Clough bringing Nottingham Forest to Feethams for a fundraiser..He always claimed to have been instrumental in the signing of Scotland International David Speedie from Barnsley.

Until his death he looked every week for the team's results, and whilst horrified at the way Darlington were kicked down the Leagues for issues that other clubs seem to constantly get away with, was always pleased to see the club climb back up the ladder towards full league status.

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AFTER PROMOTION THE PREVIOUS YEAR, SEASON 1985-86 SAW DARLINGTON PERFORM ADMIRABLY IN DIVISION THREE (LEAGUE ONE IN TODAY'S TERMS).
CYRIL KNOWLES LED THE TEAM TO A 13TH PLACE POSITION, COMFORTABLY MID-TABLE AND ABOVE CLUBS SUCH AS BOURNEMOUTH, BOLTON, WOLVES AND SWANSEA.
THE LEADING SCORER WAS GARRY MACDONALD, WHO HIT 17 IN ALL COMPETITIONS, WITH CARL AIREY JUST BEHIND ON 14.
THIS WOULD PROVE TO BE FRED BARBER'S FINAL SEASON WITH THE CLUB, AFTER 163 APPEARANCES THE GOALKEEPER LEFT IN MARCH 1986 TO JOIN EVERTON.

Virgin trains

>TODAY'S TEAMS

DARLINGTON

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

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JAMES BELSHAW
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RYAN FALLOWFIELD
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TERRY KENNEDY
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JOSH FALKINGHAM
LIAM AGNEW
JACK EMMETT
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MARCUS DAY
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> Match officials:

Referee:
Paul Brown

Assistant referees:
Mark Ryan and Christopher Keightley

> Next home matches:

Saturday 6th January
York City, kick off 3pm

Saturday 20th January
Chorley, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

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

Saturday 13th January
Alfreton Town, kick off 3pm

> Today's other games:

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

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