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>> WITH MARTIN GRAY

Good afternoon everybody
and welcome to the game.

I thought we played some very good football against Gainsborough on Wednesday night. We played the game at a fast tempo and looked dangerous on several occasions, but overall it wasn't the performance we wanted.

Our defending needs to improve, it certainly wasn't of the same level as it was at Salford last Saturday. I thought that we could have prevented all three goals, we made mistakes that let them back into the game at 3-1, when really we should have shut up shop, and that's what disappointed me. We shouldn't be conceding three goals at home, and I made that point to the players after the game.

We must adopt that clean sheet mentality, because that will earn us victories as we proved at Salford on Saturday. We don't want to be in the same situation as last season when we went so long without keeping a clean sheet and putting pressure on ourselves.

At least though we collected the three points to put us right up there at the top of the table, and I know that it's a cliché, but if we were offered six points from the first two games of the season, then we would have taken them. I'm sure that everyone would prefer six points from two games, than none at all, so we must look at the positives from the season so far. We scored some good goals from setplays and maybe should have scored more from open play. I was pleased for the four lads who scored, in terms of goals it gets them going for the season. There are one or two things that need to be better, so then we can push on. This league is relentless, and we can't afford mistakes like that in every game.

The most important thing though is about winning games, and we know where we have to improve.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the groundstaff at Blackwell Meadows for producing a very good playing surface. They've put a lot of hours into it in a short timescale – I know that they have started very early in the morning on some days! So we must thank them for their hard work.

I was also pleased with the size of the crowd on Wednesday night, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Please spread the word, and encourage your friends to come along to future matches, there are some very good games coming up. Rest assured that we will be working hard to win them – and keep a clean sheet!

Enjoy the game.

Martin



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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Good evening everyone and welcome to today's game.

When we looked at the fixtures in July, we would have taken six points from our first two matches, so we're coming into today's game quite happy with the way things are going in many ways. In the first two games of the season, you're aiming to get the points on the board and that gives you confidence straight away, and takes the pressure off in trying to win the first match.

On Wednesday night, we played some very good football at a fast tempo, and we scored some good goals, but we gave ourselves a problem by letting Gainsborough back into the game when we were 3-1 up. I think we made hard work of winning the game, we maybe should have shut up shop when we went 3-1 up with Tez's goal. There are certain things in the performance that we want to eradicate, because we need to keep clean sheets. Maybe continuing to play at a fast tempo at 3-1 let us down a little bit, maybe we should have slowed the game down and concentrated on keeping

possession because that deflates the opposing team, and kills the game off.

On Saturday at Salford we looked really solid and didn't give much away at all, but on Wednesday we weren't so much. The way we play, we feel that we're always going to create chances, but there are times when we're sloppy defensively and we let our opponents get back into the game, and that's what happened on Wednesday.

There's a golden rule in football that if you score, you must then keep a clean sheet for the next ten minutes and that's what we failed to do on Wednesday night. We allowed them back into the game and gave them a lift and they got back to 3-3.

But one thing that we will never do is to let our heads drop. Ever since I came to the club, we've always said that whenever we get beat, there is always a reaction. We don't know when to give up, and that quality came through on Wednesday night. We'll never bottle games, even when the momentum is against us like it was at

3-3 Wednesday night - as a team, we'll just roll our sleeves up even further. We're always capable of coming up with something at the other end as Josh proved with a lovely winner, and after that, there was no way that we were going to let a 4-3 lead slip away. We should maybe have done at 3-1 what we did at 4-3 and saved ourselves some bother, but at least it's something to learn from.

It was a great finish by Josh for the winner, and I was delighted for the other lads who scored as well. We could have scored more goals with the chances that we had in the first half! We'll always score goals because of the talent that we've got in the team, which is a brilliant thing, but we just need a little bit of work to get the other side of our game right.

So for different reasons, we're really looking forward to today's game!

Enjoy!

Phil

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2017

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Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

Alfreton Town



Alfreton Town are our visitors today, and Simon Hahn has done some research on them

KEY MOMENTS IN ALFRETON'S HISTORY

- Formed in 1959 following the merger of Alfreton Miners Welfare and Alfreton United
- Early success in the Central Alliance Division One and Midland Counties Leagues
- 1995/1996 Promoted from the Northern Counties East League to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League for first time
- 2004/2005 Moved into the newly-created Conference North division
- 2008/2009 Reached the FA Cup second round for the first time before losing to Scunthorpe United
- 2011/12 Reached the top level of non-league football for the first time where they stayed for four seasons

LAST SIX GAMES

08/08/2017 Boston United (A) Lost 3-1
05/08/2017 Blyth Spartans (H) Won 2-0
29/04/2017 Nuneaton Town (H) Drew 3-3
22/04/2017 Altrincham (A) Drew 1-1
17/04/2017 Tamworth (A) Lost 4-1
15/07/2017 Darlington (H) Lost 3-0

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/2017 National League North Points 42 Position 18th
2015/2016 National League North Points 58 Position 10th
2014/2015 National League Points 45 Position 21st (Relegated)
2013/2014 National League Points 67 Position 11th (Deducted ten points)
2012/2013 National League Points 60 Position 13th
2011/2012 National League Points 54 Position 15th

ALFRETON 16/17 SEASON STATS

Top scorer: Craig Westcarr 13
Involved in the second most goals in the division, only behind Fylde - 157
Conceded the most goals - 95
Struggled at the end of the season, they failed to win in their last eight matches
They conceded 13 goals in the last five minutes or more of matches last season

CONNECTIONS:

Jordan Richards, who recently signed for us, played nine games on loan at Alfreton from Hartlepool last season - he was in the Alfreton team that lost 3-0 to us in April.

Our Wembley hero, Chris Senior, joined Alfreton after he was freed by Mark Cooper within days of the Wembley win. He made 20 appearances for Alfreton before concentrating on his career as a physio.

LAST TWO MATCHES

Tuesday 8th August

Boston United 3-1 Alfreton

Mason Warren put Boston ahead after 16 minutes, but Craig Westcarr levelled for Alfreton five minutes later to put them back in the game.

However, Jordan Keane put Boston ahead again before half time, and Gregg Smith made it 3-1 with a diving header.

Team: Elliott, Topliss, Allan, Platt, Shiels, Priestley, Jennings, Disley, Westcarr, Johnson, Marshall

Subs: Whitehouse, Robertson, McGowan, Nyoni, Sharp

Saturday 5th August

Alfreton 2-0 Blyth Spartans

The Reds got off to a flying start to the season with an excellent win over newly promoted Blyth Spartans. Both sides had chances in the first half, but it took till the 40th minute for the scoring to be opened. Sam Topliss delivered a long throw into the box, which was flicked on with Luke Shiels hooking home.

Blyth piled the pressure on at the start of the second half, but Alfreton held firm. Dan Maguire saw a good effort smoothed by the Alfreton keeper. They doubled their lead with a counter attack on 65 minutes. Captain Craig Disley won the ball in midfield, before Westcarr crossed for Andre Johnson to stoop and head home.

The game ended on a rather bizarre note, one which had similarities with our opening day fixture with Warrington a

couple of years ago. The referee had to leave the field through injury and was replaced by his linesman. No extra official could be found, so the game carried on with one linesman after being agreed by both teams.

Team: Elliott, Topliss, Allan, Platt, Shiels, Priestley, Jennings, Disley, Westcarr, Johnson, Marshall

Subs: Whitehouse, Robertson, McGowan, Nyoni, Snodin

PLAYERS/MANAGER

Billy Whitehouse is a versatile winger who can also play at right back. Billy came through the ranks at Doncaster Rovers and signed his first pro-contract in May 2014. He made his First Team debut against Burton Albion in the Football League Trophy in October 2014, making seven appearances in the 2014-15 season.

He switched to Halifax Town in February 2016 on a month's loan. He scored on his debut against Grimsby Town, making two further appearances during his loan spell, before returning to Doncaster Rovers making a further four first team appearances in the 2015-16 season.

In August 2016 Whitehouse joined the Leeds United development squad. He made his first team debut in the televised 1-0 defeat at Sutton United in the FA Cup but was then released in May 2017.

31 year old **Craig Westcarr** joined the Reds after leaving





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Alfreton Town

League Two outfit, Mansfield at the end of season 2015-16. He scored four times for the Stags, before being sent out on loan to National League side, Southport.

After starting out his career at hometown club, Nottingham Forest, Westcarr dropped into the non-league scene with Cambridge United and then Kettering Town in May 2006. After leaving Kettering he went on to play in the Football League for Notts County, Chesterfield (Where he scored in their Football League Trophy Final win over Swindon Town at Wembley), Walsall and Portsmouth, before moving to Mansfield.

Last season 2016/17 was a good one for Craig. He made 43 starts, plus 6 from the bench in all competitions, and bagged an impressive 22 goals overall.

Captain **Craig Disley** signed for Alfreton on a two year deal at the end of May 2017.



He is mainly a midfielder but can play out wide if required. He was new boss John McDermott's first new signing.

A box to box midfielder, Craig began his career at Mansfield Town, where he made 141 appearances, scoring 16 goals. In 2001-02 he made his mark on the Stags first team as they gained promotion into the third tier of the Football League.

Disley then decided to join Bristol Rovers in July 2004, making 203 appearances and scoring 25 times also helping them win promotion into the third tier. He joined Shrewsbury Town in May 2009 but injuries restricted his number of appearances.

He joined Grimsby Town in June 2011 and became a key midfielder for them over the next five years. He made 234 appearances and scored 34 goals helping the Mariners to win promotion back into the Football League in 2015-16. He was then released at the end of the 2016-17 season.

John McDermott became the Reds manager in May 2017 after leaving his position as Director of Football at Cleethorpes Town after their defeat to South Shields in the FA Vase final.



As a player he was a full back at Grimsby Town from 1987-2007, a twenty year playing career that saw him play in 647 league games, an all time club record. In all he played 754 games for the Mariners. He is one of only seventeen players in the history of English football to play over 600 games in the Football League for a single club.

After retiring from football in April 2007, John began coaching at the Grimsby Institute Academy before being appointed assistant manager at Harrogate Town in 2010.

SQUAD:

Manager: John McDermott

Goalkeepers: Mason Springthorpe, Chris Elliott

Defenders: Tom Allan, Brad McGowan, Luke Shiels, Sam Topliss, Billy Priestley, Oli Cox, Luis Morrison, Jordan Snodin

Midfielders: Adam Smith, Craig Disley, Marcus Marshall, Ryan Jennings, Tom Platt, Cecil Nyoni, Billy Whitehouse, Ellis Evans, Morgan Brough

Forwards: Craig Westcarr, Brody Robertson, Chris Sharp, Andre Johnson, Malachi Lavelle-Moore

SUMMARY OF LAST SEASON

Alfreton were certainly one of the teams to watch last season in the National North. From the word go they were involved in high scoring games and were entertaining throughout the campaign. They started as they meant to go on with

four of their first seven games seeing at least seven goals scored. Alfreton were also very hit and miss not drawing any of their first twelve games. When they came to Heritage Park near the start of the season, they won 4-3 despite two Josh Gillies free kicks. However, as we moved towards the mid way point in the season the wins became fewer. From the twelve games they played in December, January and February they only picked up two wins, as they dropped into the bottom half. However, March would prove to be key as they picked up priceless wins over Halifax, FC United and Boston. It was a good thing they did as well, as they failed to win any of their last eight games, but in all truth they were never really in danger of being relegated. They finished the campaign in 18th seven points off the relegation zone.

Away from the league they had a fantastic run in the FA Cup, shocking eventual champions AFC Fylde and Kings Lynn Town, before beating Gateshead in the final qualifying round after a replay. In the first round proper, they held League Two Newport County to a draw, before losing the second match in Wales.





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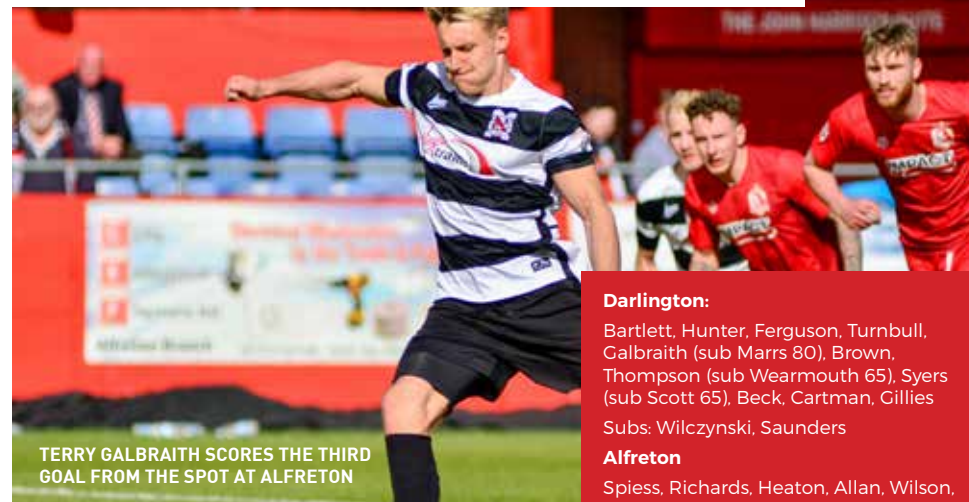
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TERRY GALBRAITH SCORES THE THIRD GOAL FROM THE SPOT AT ALFRETON

> 16TH APRIL 2017

Alfreton 0 Darlington 3

Darlington:

Bartlett, Hunter, Ferguson, Turnbull, Galbraith (sub Marrs 80), Brown, Thompson (sub Wearmouth 65), Syers (sub Scott 65), Beck, Cartman, Gillies
Subs: Wilczynski, Saunders

Alfreton

Spiess, Richards, Heaton, Allan, Wilson, Atkinson, Shelton, Marshall, McFadzean, Westcarr (sub Priestley 64), Hearn (sub Smith 64, sub Evans 82)
Subs: Cox, Monkhouse

This comfortable victory ranked as one of the best of the season for Quakers – in front of a fantastic travelling support.

If there were any doubts about the players not being in the right frame of mind following the disappointing news about not being able to participate in the play offs, then they were very quickly dispelled in the first 10 minutes, when Quakers could easily have been 3-0 up.

Quakers nearly took the lead on 3 minutes. David Ferguson crossed from the left for Mark Beck to head against the post, and then on 6 minutes Stephen Thompson won the ball on the right, cut inside and hit a right foot shot that brought a flying save from Fabian Spiess in the Alfreton goal..

And a minute later the ball came out to Ferguson on the edge of the box, he drove the ball through a crowd of players and the ball rebounded off the same post.

Quakers missed another chance on 25 minutes. A cross to the far post was headed back by Beck to Josh Gillies six yards out,

and he headed into Spiess' hands.

We finally took a deserved lead on 33 minutes, when Nathan Cartman latched on to a long ball forward from Ferguson, and he coolly went on to slot the ball past the keeper for his seventh goal of the season.

Quakers hit the post again just before half time with a nifty little backheel by Cartman, but Quakers took form control on 57 minutes. Gillies found Thompson with a great ball over to the right, Thompson neatly beat a defender and then lofted the ball over to the far post where Gillies came steaming in and sidefooted the ball home.

It was game over on 63 minutes when Beck latched on to the ball in the box and was pulled down, and the ref pointed to the spot from where Galbraith sent the keeper the wrong way for his 11th of the season.

Alfreton included former Hartlepool defender Jordan Richards, who signed for us in the close season.

ALFRETON TOWN

THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

> JIMMY BULLIONS

Player-manager Jimmy Bullions plotted Alfreton Town's 1961 Derbyshire Senior Cup final triumph. A former wing-half, he turned professional with Derby County in October 1944 and featured in their 1946 FA Cup final success. He joined Leeds United in November 1947 and reunited with Sammy Crooks at Shrewsbury Town in September 1950. Ever-present in 1951-52, he moved to Worksop in August 1955, then Gresley, Sutton Town and Matlock, becoming Alfreton's player-boss in September 1960. He led the Reds to the Derbyshire Senior Cup final again in 1963 and 1965, also Central Alliance runners-up in 1963-64, leaving in September 1968.

> ANDY KOWALSKI

Versatile midfielder Andy Kowalski is widely regarded as Alfreton Town's finest post-war discovery. He represented England Boys Clubs and starred for Alfreton in the Midland League before joining Chesterfield in February 1973. Featuring in their 1979-80 promotion near-miss and 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final triumph, he moved to Doncaster

Rovers in June 1983 and helped them win promotion in 1983-84. He spent a season at Peterborough United before rejoining Chesterfield in August 1986. Making over 450 League appearances overall, he moved to Boston United in July 1987, then was player-coach at Matlock and Shepshed Charterhouse.

> IVAN HOLLETT

One-time Alfreton Town centre-forward Ivan Hollett was Chesterfield's leading marksman in three successive seasons. He had spells with Derby County and Sutton Town prior to joining Mansfield Town in August 1958. Helping them win promotion in 1962-63, he moved to Chesterfield in December 1964 and replaced Ralph Hunt in attack. He joined Crewe Alexandra in November 1968, then played for Cambridge United before moving to Hereford United in January 1972, helping to win promotion in 1972-73. Later with Poole Town and Alfreton, he was an area sales rep for a Northampton metals company, then returned to Mansfield as youth team coach.

COLIN PROPHETT

One-time Alfreton Town

central defender Colin Prophett was ever-present for Crewe Alexandra in 1980-81. Born locally, he played in Crewe's reserve side before turning professional with Sheffield Wednesday in June 1968. He missed just one match in 1971-72 and joined Norwich City for £42,500 in May 1973, reuniting with Danny Williams at Swindon Town for £25,000 in October 1974. Moving via Chesterfield to Crewe in October 1979, he became Cardiff City's reserve team manager in July 1981. He later had spells with Matlock, Heanor and was Alfreton's player-boss. Settling in Sheffield, he worked in insurance, then was an area sales manager.

> KEVIN RANDALL

One-time Alfreton Town striker Kevin Randall formed a lethal partnership with Ernie Moss in Chesterfield's 1969-70 Fourth Division title success. Initially with Droylsden, he moved via Bury to Chesterfield in July 1966 and was leading marksman three times. He joined Notts County in August 1972 and helped win promotion in 1972-73, then reunited with Moss at Mansfield Town in November 1975 and featured in their 1976-77 Third Division

title campaign. Later with York City, Burton Albion, Alfreton and Goole Town, he assisted John Duncan at Chesterfield either side of a spell as their manager. He has since scouted for Neil Warnock.

> STEVE BAINES

One-time Alfreton Town central defender Steve Baines skippered Chesterfield's 1984-85 Fourth Division title triumph. Signing professional

for Nottingham Forest in July 1972, he joined Huddersfield Town in July 1975 and moved via Bradford City to Walsall in July 1980. He joined



Scunthorpe United in August 1982 and led them to promotion in 1982-83, following John Duncan to Chesterfield as player-coach in July 1983. Scoring nine times in 133 League games for the Spireites, he joined Matlock in August 1987, then played for Alfreton, Gainsborough Trinity and Burton Albion. He became a Football League referee and is now a property broker. Steve also features as a player on the front cover of the Farewell to Feethams book.

> SHAUN O'NEILL

One-time Alfreton Town defender Shaun O'Neill starred in Chesterfield's 1984-85 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with Leeds United, he failed to secure a first-team slot and joined Chesterfield in July 1974.

He was equally at home in either full-back berth or the centre of defence and ever-present as the Spireites narrowly missed promotion to the Second Division in 1979-80, also featuring in the 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final success. Making almost 450 League appearances before joining Staveley Works in September 1986, he played for Matlock Town and Alfreton while a publican, since working for Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.

> RYAN FRANCE

Versatile winger Ryan France starred in Alfreton Town's 2002-03 UniBond League First Division title triumph. A former Sheffield Wednesday junior, he joined Alfreton in August 1999 and combined playing with his studies at Nottingham Trent University. He helped the Reds to win the Northern Counties East League Premier Division title in 2001-02 and netted 45 goals in 199 games before joining Hull City for £15,000 in September 2003. He scored on his League debut and featured as they won promotion in two consecutive seasons, then reached the Premier League in 2007-08 and FA Cup sixth round in 2008-09, moving to Sheffield United in July 2009.

> LEO FORTUNE-WEST

Striker Leo Fortune-West was an experienced figure as Alfreton Town qualified for the Conference North play-offs in 2008-09. He had spells with Tiptree, Bishop's Cleeve and Stevenage prior to joining Gillingham in July 1995. Top scorer in their 1995-96 promotion success, he moved via Lincoln and Brentford to Rotherham in



February 1999. He helped them win promotion in 1999-2000, then joined Cardiff in September 2000 and won promotion twice more. Later with Doncaster, Rushden & Diamonds, Shrewsbury, Cambridge United and Goole, he joined Alfreton in July 2008 and netted eight goals in 21 games, moving to North Ferriby in March 2009.

> ADEN FLINT

Central defender Aden Flint is Alfreton Town's record transfer. Initially with hometown Pinxton, he joined Alfreton in October 2008 and helped qualify for the Conference North play-offs in 2008-09. He also starred as the Reds reached the Conference North play-off final in 2009-10, then featured in their 2010-11 promotion campaign. His solitary goal in 65 Conference North games came in their 3-2 win over Northwich Victoria in April 2010 and he moved to Swindon Town for a club record £150,000 in January 2011. He helped win the League Two title in 2011-12, then joined Bristol City and featured in their 2014-15 League One title triumph.



Building the future together

>> BY JOHN TEMPEST



Good evening everyone, and welcome to our second home game of the new season at Blackwell Meadows, I hope that you have enjoyed your summer.

It's been a very busy few weeks over the summer both on and off the pitch. Plenty of work has gone on here at Blackwell Meadows, with the seats in the seated stand on the far side lifted and the dugouts moved back to give those on the clubhouse side a much better view of the entire pitch.

The weather has been very kind to the pitch during the summer - there have been some great spells of rain and sunshine in equal measure - and that has been of great benefit. As the gardeners would say, it's been a very good growing season!

The pitch is looking good and although we requested our first three games away, I'm sure it will hold up very well to two games inside three days. The Rugby Club have kindly decided not to use the pitch until late September, so hopefully the pitch will continue to improve and mature.

With the base now in

place for the additional seats, we now need more people to contribute to the pitch fund and in turn that will enable us to purchase the steelwork and cladding once the summer holidays are over. So please continue to contribute to the fund on the DFCSG website.

Over the last two months I've worked very closely with David Johnston, our new Chief Executive Officer, and from a personal point of view I would like to say that it's been a pleasure to work with David, he has not only gone the extra mile but has a brimful of ideas on how to move the club forward and his board room experience at several well known companies like the British Airport Authority has clearly shown through.

At the end of last season hospitality was going exceptionally well and we are now looking to build upon this so please contact Joanne

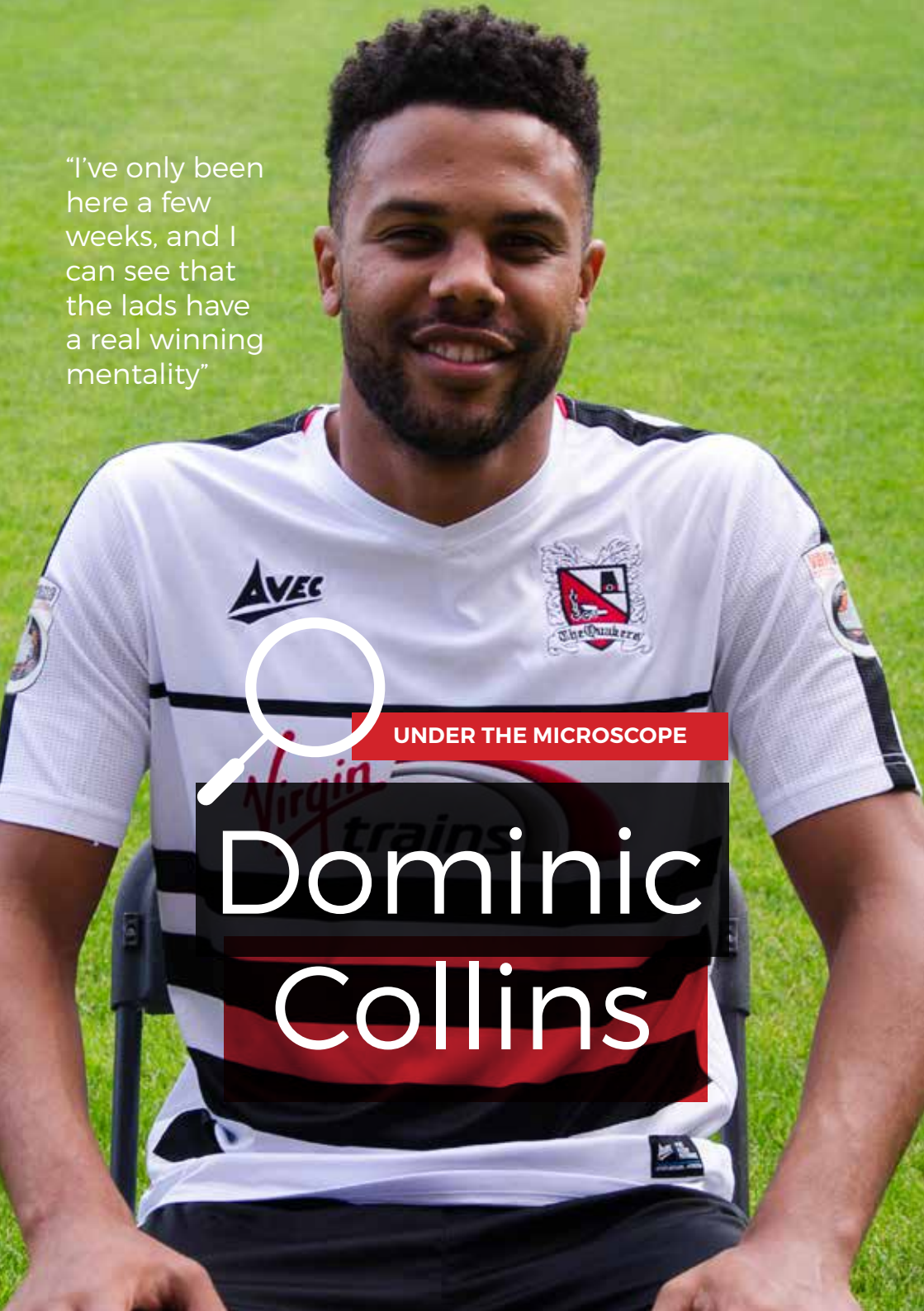
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We are also seeking volunteers for the different jobs that need doing around the club, such as tidying up after home games, acting as ticket sellers etc. Again, drop us a line on john.tempest@darlingtonfc.org.

I would like to welcome the players and officials of Alfreton to this afternoon's game, and wish them a safe journey home.





"I've only been here a few weeks, and I can see that the lads have a real winning mentality"

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Dominic Collins

"FOR FANS, FOR FOOTBALL, FOR EVER"

Dominic Collins

New defender Dominic Collins is aiming for a hat trick of promotions – he spoke to Ray Simpson

26 year old Dominic knows plenty about promotion campaigns, he's successfully won promotion twice from the National League North in the past with Chester and AFC Fylde -- and now he's very confident that he can collect another winner's medal with Quakers especially after the terrific win at Salford last Saturday.

"I left Preston, joined Chester in this league (the National League North), and I was fortunate enough to win this league when I was 21 and then went on to make the step up to Hereford in the National League," he said.

"I spent three years at Hereford and then went to Southport for a season. I ended up at Fylde and was lucky enough to win this league again, so I'm quite experienced at this level.

"I'm delighted to be here, and I'm hoping to help Darlington achieve our goal this season which is to win promotion. I've only been here a few weeks, and I can see that the lads have a real winning mentality. They're a great bunch of lads and they've welcomed me with open arms.

"For me, to have won the league twice is magnificent, I don't see why we can't win the league again this season and make it a personal hat trick for me. I want to help in any I can, but winning any league is very difficult. I'll try and bring in a bit of experience and help the

lads when it gets tough and add something in certain games.

It made sense to come to Darlington for me. I didn't want to go to a team that would be struggling in the national division; I wanted to come to a team that is scrapping for promotion. Unfortunately Fylde didn't want me at the end of the season, so I spoke to Martin Gray, and he was magnificent. We had a long chat about what the club wants to do, and he showed me around."

Dominic played against Quakers at Fylde last season, and ended it with a broken nose after challenging for the ball with Mark Beck!

"I can remember the fans from the games between Fylde and Darlington last season, I know that the club has a good fanbase, and it is very ambitious. I didn't play at Darlington last season and to be honest we were lucky to come away with a point that day, but I played in the home game, and Darlington were only four or five points off us going into that game. Both games were very entertaining, and the fans made it a proper game of football – and it's that sort of atmosphere that I'm looking for again this season."

Dominic is ideally placed to assess Quakers' chances of promotion in what will be a very competitive league.

"It's always a difficult league, and there are several teams

with a lot of money. Salford have obviously thrown a lot of money at it. I know a few players who have gone to clubs at this level – and they're good players as well – so it's going to be pretty competitive. But that's the way I like it.

"It was a massive result for us last Saturday at Salford. There were a few good words from the gaffer before the game, and everyone rallied around, even the lads who were on the bench and not playing. All round it was a great performance, so it was nice to beat one of our promotion rivals in our first game of the season.

"It's always a hard game against Salford, because they are a strong and physical team, but they didn't threaten us much. They had a couple of spells on top, but that's always going to happen in games.

"We were very determined to keep a clean sheet – as we will be for every game – and the lads up front will always cause problems. Becky won his individual battles against their centre halves, and Fergie, James, Josh and Harvey all stretched them with their pace.

"The gaffer won't let us take our foot off the gas, and this bunch of lads will always give more than 100 per cent. With the squad we've got here, hopefully we can be up at the top all the way through the season."

**MARK BECK
CHALLENGES
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REFLECTIONS

9TH AUGUST 2017

**DARLINGTON 4
GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 3**

Quakers now have six points from two points after a thrilling win over Gainsborough.

Quakers played some good football at a fast tempo to go 3-1 up, but Gainsborough battled back to 4-3 and caused some nervous moments until Josh Gillies slotted in the winner. Quakers had to come from an early goal behind to win, just as they had done on Gainsborough's previous visit last September.

Gainsborough took the lead after 10 minutes when Ashley Worsfold and Nathan Jarman swapped passes putting Worsfold clear, and he put the ball under Adam Bartlett for the opening goal.

After James Caton missed a couple of chances, Quakers levelled on 23 minutes when Gary Brown crossed from the left hand side for Mark Beck, lurking at the far post, to head past the keeper.

Gainsborough rocked after that, and Quakers were unlucky three times before Gainsborough keeper Walton failed to hold an inswinging corner from the left by Josh Gillies, and David Syers squeezed the ball in at the far post.

Quakers seemed to be cruising to a comfortable win on 48 minutes when Terry Galbraith picked the ball up on the left, sidestepped a challenge, and chipped the ball over the stranded keeper into the net – Tez later admitted that he didn't mean to

score, but he put his cross into a dangerous place anyhow.

But within a minute, Gainsborough pulled a goal back when loan Evans found space to head a left wing corner into the roof of the net from six yards.

Quakers nearly went 4-2 up when Galbraith floated a measured free kick into the box, where Brown headed narrowly over. But Gainsborough went up the other end and equalised on 68 minutes when Tom Davey crossed from the left for Jarman to find the bottom of the net with a glancing header.

Quakers were back in front on 77 minutes when Chris Hunter crossed deep to the far post where Syers nodded the ball back for Gillies to stroke left footed into the bottom corner – and that proved to be the winner, much to the relief of everyone.

Darlington:

Bartlett, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Collins, Brown, Gillies (sub Scott 77), Syers, Beck, Caton (sub Saunders 65), Ferguson (sub Fenwick 85)
Subs: Wilczynski, Thompson,
Booking: Gillies

Gainsborough:

Walton, Gatter (sub Lacey 45), Davie, Clarke, Jacklin, Evans, Simmons (sub Wafula 57), Richards, Jarman (sub Wells 65), Worsfold, King
Subs not used: Williams, Storey
Booking: Gatter

KEVIN BURGESS IN ACTION

Reserves make great start to the season

The reserves couldn't have asked for a better start to the Wearside League season with two big wins from their first two matches.

They travelled to Prudhoe and won their first game by 5-0.

They were well on top throughout the game, and as well as a very good performance, two first team players, Kevin Burgess and Tom Portas came through unscathed in the latest stage of their injury comebacks.

Joint reserve team manager Mark Fanning said; "The team ticked all the boxes. We played some very good football, scored some good goals, and kept a clean sheet. What more can we ask for?"

"Kev and Tom both started the game. Kev played 45 minutes as was planned and he came off at half time, and Tom played 70. It was Kev's first action for a long time, while Tom is getting stronger and better."

Joseph Smith, Nathan Stephenson and Joey Beauchamp scored before half time, and in the second half Lee Hume and Joseph added further goals.

They went one goal better on Wednesday at Stokesley, winning 6-0. There were four members of the first team squad in the side. Kev Burgess and Tom Portas both came through successfully, with Kev playing the first hour as planned, and Tom playing 90 minutes for the first time. They were joined by new signings Joe Wheatley and Jordan Richards.

MF said; "It was another very good win for the lads. Again they created plenty of chances, and it was a very one-sided game. Their keeper did very well."

"Joe Wheatley was good, strong and busy in the first half, and he and Tom Portas established a good understanding in midfield. Tom played the full 90, which is the first time he has done in his comeback, and he thought that it was his best game so far. In every game, Tom has looked stronger."

The result was never in any doubt once Wheatley gave Quakers an early lead with a low shot from a corner, then Joey Beauchamp fired the second. Kevin Burgess showed his predatory instinct with a third from a few yards before half time.

In the second half, Lee Hume got the fourth from the edge of the box, then Jordan Richards got the fifth. Lewis Walton finished off a good move for the sixth.

The reserves are away to Hebburn Town Reserves in the Alan Hood Memorial Cup today, and then on Wednesday they travel up to Sunderland West End.



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



JAMES GRAY

James Gray's latest club is Torquay United.

The striker, 25, joined Torquay during pre-season and they have become the sixth different club he has played for since leaving Quakers in 2012.

Gray, who started his career with Middlesbrough, ended last season with Northern Irish side Glenavon. He has also played for Kettering Town, Accrington Stanley, Wrexham and Southport.

Torquay manager Kevin Nicholson said: "I am delighted to have signed James.

"He has shown a real grit and determination during pre-season to get his career back on track after a rough year. He deserves that chance and has shown that he is hard working, aggressive, and good in front of goal.

"His next task is to get himself in the team, but I can be sure that he will keep all of the strikers on their toes



NATHAN THOMAS V SUNDERLAND RCA

with his enthusiasm and work rate."

Gray has recovered from a bite by a poisonous black widow spider that paralysed him for two months. "I was asleep in my apartment in Manchester and felt a sharp bite to my arm," he said. "I didn't think too much of it, but it soon became very serious. The hole was so big they had to heal it from the side and pack it with antibiotics. It was horrendous; I felt I would never get my life back. It took over two months and mentally it sucked the life out of me. The infection went right up my arm and I feared that I would never play again."

Nathan Thomas, who made three appearances for us in season 2013-14, has joined Sheffield United from Hartlepool. Thomas scored 14 goals in 56 appearances for Hartlepool after joining them from Plymouth. He told BBC Radio Sheffield: "I can go

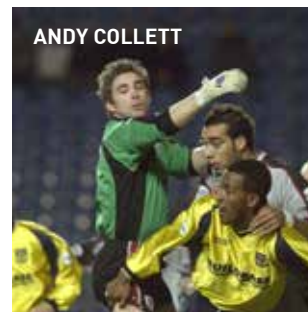
away now without having to worry about playing in the National League. It allows me the time to prepare for the level I need to be at now. I can work in the off-season to make myself a better player.

"I had a conversation with Middlesbrough but it wasn't going anywhere. I had my heart set on Sheffield United. It just felt like a really good place to be. Nobody else was going to turn my head."

Andy Collett has returned to York City for a second spell as the club's goalkeeping coach.

The former Quakers goalkeeper, 43, is back at Bootham Crescent after two years working at Gateshead. He said: "I wasn't in a position where I needed a job but I loved my time here and literally became a York City supporter. It is a really warm welcoming club.

"The chairman (Jason McGill) is the best chairman I have



ANDY COLLETT

worked with in his support of what the Academy is trying to do. To come into the club on a 'full-time' basis - at the level the club is now - to me, shows the ambition of the club and how much they value the role of a goalkeeping coach.

"Clubs understand now how important goalkeepers are to results. That's why Manchester City spend £40 million on a goalkeeper!"

Lewis Nightingale has left Farsley Celtic to join Everton. Nightingale, a winger with Darlington at the beginning of last season, has taken up a coaching role with the Merseyside club.

He said: "Being offered a role with Everton and their Under 14-16s players is massive for my career and an opportunity I couldn't turn down.

"For now I'm going to put the playing boots away and concentrate on my coaching.



CURTIS EDWARDS V HARROGATE

Maybe in time I'll be able to get them out again, but the commitment to my new role will make it difficult."

Lowestoft Town have signed keeper **Ben Dudzinski** on a one-year deal following his release by Hartlepool United. Dudzinski, 21, was on loan at Darlington for a short spell last winter, playing three games.

Lowestoft manager Ady Gallagher said: "He's a very ambitious lad and wants to push himself as much as he can. He had chances to join clubs higher than us but knows what we can offer in the way of development. We've shown in the last couple of years that we can really help bring young footballers on here and that's what we will look to continue doing."

Curtis Edwards, who played 16 games for us in season 2013-14, is now with Ostersunds from Sweden, and he played a part in their

shock two legged win over Turkish giants Galatasaray in the Europa League second qualifying round. Ostersunds, who won the Swedish Cup last season, are managed by former York manager Graham Potter.

Evan Horwood has left full time football with Chester City, and gone into the Welsh Premier League at Bala Town.

Horwood, who played 20 games for us in 2006-07, also played for Sheffield United, Tranmere, Northampton and Hartlepool before joining Chester

Bala manager Colin Caton said: "Having been approached by Evan about his interest in going part time a while ago, we were instantly interested. He is a top class player who can play anywhere down the left and centre midfield. He is a good personality that will fit in well with the rest of the squad."



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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

Spennymoor Town made it two wins from two in the National League North with an entertaining 3-2 win at FC United. Moors were 2-0 up inside half an hour courtesy of goals from Kallum Griffiths and Andrew Johnson. But the home side fought back with Jason Gilchrist halving the arrears before half time, and then Daniel Wisdom equalised early in the second half. But Glenn Taylor rose to head home what proved to be the winner for Moors just after the hour mark.

Also making it back-to-back wins were Harrogate Town, who followed up their victory over Nuneaton with a 2-0 win at North Ferriby United. Simon Ainge opened the scoring on 59 minutes from the spot, his second penalty in the space of four days. Five minutes later, Town doubled their advantage through Joe Leesley's low effort. That made it six points from six for Harrogate, who moved top of the division. North Ferriby meanwhile are without a point and are yet to score.

They overtook Southport, who had moved top on Monday night with a hard-fought 2-1 win at Bradford Park Avenue. The Sandgrounders had fallen behind after just 10 minutes, as Adam Boyes' second goal in as many games put Park Avenue ahead. But Andrew White levelled for the visitors, before Javan Vidal was sent off to reduce Bradford PA to 10 men. And Southport took advantage, with Gary Roberts striking with one minute left to take all three points.

Brackley are the final team with a 100% record in the division, after a comfortable 3-1 win at AFC Telford. Andrew Brown, a Jordan Gough own goal, and Lee Ndlovu had the Saints 3-0 up by the 47th minute. Ellis Myles-Tebbutt put through his own net to reduce the arrears, but Brackley closed out the victory.

York City, whom Quakers travel to on Tuesday night, picked up their first win of the season by beating Blyth Spartans 2-0 at Croft Park. Jon Parkin and Sean Newton scored the goals in the first 22 minutes to see the Minstermen bounce back from their opening day defeat, and leave Blyth without a point or a goal this season.

Michael Nottingham scored the only goal of the game for Salford, as they recovered from their opening day defeat to Darlington by winning 1-0 at Chorley.

Last season's runners-up Kidderminster have suffered a poor start after losing their opening two matches. They lost 1-0 at Nuneaton Town, with Ashley Chambers scoring the only goal of the game in the 92nd minute.

Stockport County, who lost at Spennymoor on the opening day, got their campaign up and running with a satisfying 3-0 home win over Curzon Ashton. Harry Winter put the Hatters ahead after 21 minutes, with Matty Warburton and Jake Oswell getting on the scoresheet in the second half to wrap up a comfortable win.

Boston United also put their first points on the board by beating Alfreton 3-1 at York Street. Mason Warren put the Pilgrims in front early on, only for Craig Westcarr to level five minutes later. However Jordan Keane and Gregg Smith's strikes ensured the home side went away with all three points.

And after an opening day victory, Leamington were brought back down to earth with a 2-1 home defeat against neighbours Tamworth. Conor Gudger's own goal after just four minutes handed the Lambs the lead. Junior English equalised for Leamington, but 17 minutes from time, former Quaker Aman Verma struck to give Tamworth victory.



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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



Today's game with Alfreton comes almost six years to the day since the Derbyshire club's trip to The Northern Echo Arena soon after the beginning of the 2011-12 season.

An otherwise nondescript-looking fixture was livened up by the inclusion in the visitors' line-up of Chris Senior, who just three months earlier had etched his name in Quakers' folklore with THAT Wembley winner in the FA Trophy final.

Released soon afterwards by Mark Cooper, Senior signed for Alfreton and in one of his first games for his new club received rapturous and long applause from the Darlington fans when substituted during the second half of the 1-1 draw.

James Walshaw, a summer signing, scored Darlington's goal.

Pictured is Alfreton's Connor Franklin sliding in on Liam Hatch.



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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Which two cities are linked by the Grand Union Canal?
- By which name was Yorkshire-born Ursula Southill better known?
- In which fictional hospital was "Angels", the BBC drama series of the 70s, set?
- In an Italian restaurant, what is the word or phrase for a starter?
- When did the Germans drop their first bombs on London?
- What is the highest hill in the Peak District called?
- For his role in which film did John Wayne win his only Oscar?
- Before the arrival of the Spice Girls, who were the most successful UK girl group?
- In Greek mythology, who looked in a pool and fell in love with his own reflection?
- What was the name of the sexy dance troupe featured on "The Kenny Everett Show"?
- Of which colour is jonquil a shade?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

- Which four-letter indoor sport is an anagram of an outdoor sport, neither of which is an Olympic event?
- In which sport has Gail Emms represented England and the UK?
- In which country was former Olympic sprinter Frankie Fredericks born?
- For which club does Dan Burn currently play his football?
- In which month of the year is Royal Ascot held?
- Excluding guest captains, who is the only athlete to have been a team captain in "A Question of Sport"?
- Name the two teams that played in an FA Cup final during the 2000s whose name ends in a vowel.
- Which Briton won the Formula One World Championship in 1976?
- Which minor cricketing nation beat England, Ireland and the Netherlands at the 2011 World Cup?
- Which Scottish League football club play at Stark's Park?

HOW DID YOU DO?

POINTS SCORED

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

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Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

Simon Weatherill remembers the 2-1 away win at Bournemouth on 17th August 1991 in this edition of Memory Match.

Darlington found themselves in slightly unfamiliar territory for the 1991/92 season. After relegation from the Football League in 1989 the Quakers, under manager Brian Little, had bounced back with consecutive championships, winning the Vauxhall Conference and Division 4 titles, so would be kicking off the 91/92 season in the rarefied atmosphere of Division 3. This would be only the fourth season that the club had spent at this higher level in 33 years, since the formation of Division 4 in 1958.

Brian Little had moved on during the summer, taking the manager's job at Leicester City, with Frank Gray taking over the hot seat at Feethams. When the new season's fixtures were announced, it was immediately obvious how much of a step up in standard the Quakers were about to experience. Their first five games would see them play Bournemouth, West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham City, Bolton Wanderers and Stoke City. Only two years previously they'd been playing against the likes of Chorley, Fisher Athletic and Merthyr Tydfil.

Although the club had a new manager, there had been very few changes to the playing staff and the club

would contest Division 3 with basically the same group of players that had served Little so well in the previous two seasons. The team which would kick off the new season at Dean Court on August 17 had a very familiar look about it with nine of the eleven having played more than 40 games each in the previous campaign. The two exceptions were Jimmy Willis, who'd missed the first half of the season with a broken leg, and Mitch Cook, who'd joined the club for a second spell in March. In contrast, Bournemouth manager Harry Redknapp had spent the summer wheeling and dealing and they would kick off with five new faces on show, including Northern Ireland international striker Jimmy Quinn (signed from West Ham for £40,000) and ex Liverpool and Southampton star Jimmy Case, signed after being released by the Saints. Case made a single appearance for Quakers when Billy McEwan was manager two years later.

A crowd of 6210 were at a sun drenched Dean Court to see the opening game of the new season and it was Darlington, looking resplendent in their new all sky blue away kit, who were presented with the first chance after only two minutes, Mitch Cook crossed from the left and two home defenders got in each other's

way and messed up their clearance, which fell kindly to Les McJannet on the edge of the box, but he blazed the chance wide.

Mark Prudhoe was pressed into serious action for the first time in the 24th minute when a deep cross by Jimmy Case found Paul Morrell at the far post but his header was comfortably saved by the keeper.

The Quakers surged into the lead in the 47th minute. David Cork found Gary Gill breaking clear down the right. His low cross into the box was aimed at John Borthwick but home centre half Alec Watson got there first, and his outstretched leg diverted the ball into his own net, past a helpless Bartram. Welsh international Andy Jones should have equalised three minutes later when a superb Case pass put him clear but Prudhoe plunged to his left to make a superb reflex save. Holmes was next to try his luck, but his fierce drive was again kept out by a brilliant Prudhoe save.

Cork should have had a second for the Quakers on the hour mark. Put clean through by Cook, he only had Bartram to beat, but miss hit his shot tamely at the keeper. Darlington made no such mistake three minutes later. Toman was fouled 25 yards out and his free kick,

played into the near post, was fired home by Jimmy Willis from the edge of the six yard box, in front of a large contingent of travelling fans. The home side piled forward in an attempt to get back into the game and a shocking late challenge by Quinn left Prudhoe struggling in the visitor's goal. Minutes later, Quinn himself was the victim of a heavy challenge and had to leave the field with a facial injury. From the resultant free kick Case found Mark Morris and his firm header beat the still groggy Prudhoe. 84 minutes gone and the Cherries were right back in it. In the tenth minute of injury time Jones very nearly grabbed a point for the home side. His goal bound header was brilliantly pushed up onto the underside of the bar by Prudhoe and then scrambled clear by his defenders. After an outstanding performance and some superb saves, Prudhoe had saved his best

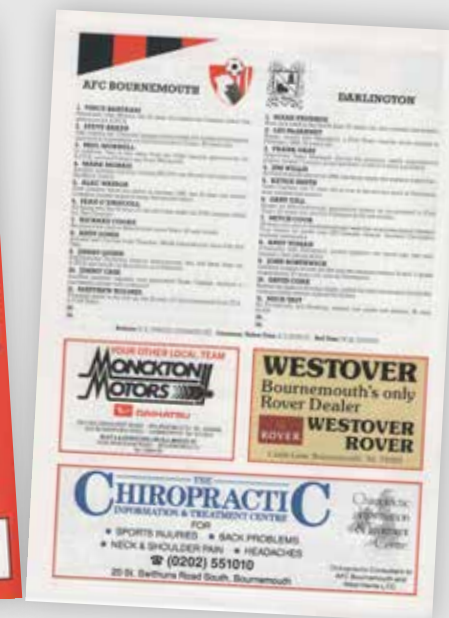
till last and secured the three points for the Quakers.

Although they went home with the points, the Quakers had been second best for long periods of the game, and it was obvious that Division 3 was going to be a real step up in standards. Over the next few weeks they struggled to put any kind of consistent run together and found themselves at the wrong end of the table very quickly. Gray eventually paid for the poor results with his job. He was sacked in late February and replaced by Ray Hankin, who was given the job until the end of the season, but couldn't halt the inevitable slide towards relegation. Darlington only won two of Hankin's fifteen games in charge and finished the

campaign ten points adrift at the foot of the table.

Bournemouth produced a 32 page programme priced at £1. Coverage of their opponents was quite extensive, with one page containing a team photo and pen pictures of manager Frank Gray and skipper Kevan Smith. Another page with pen pics of the rest of the squad. Two pages of facts and figures featuring recent history, interesting facts, past league meetings and player connections, and then an interesting two page feature entitled Reminiscing featuring a previous game between the two clubs - in this case a 1-1 draw in Division 3 in 1967. The team line-ups appear on the back page.

Team v Bournemouth : 1 Mark Prudhoe 2 Les McJannet 3 Frank Gray 4 Jimmy Willis 5 Kevan Smith 6 Gary Gill 7 Mitch Cook 8 Andy Toman 9 John Borthwick 10 David Cork 11 Mick Tait Subs 12 Gary Coatsworth (replaced Tait, 52 mins) 14 Michael Trotter (not used)



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On This Day

In this series, we look back at Darlington matches in the past that were played on, or near, the corresponding day.

12th August 2008 League Cup

Walsall 1 Darlington 2,
Attendance 2,702

Quakers defeated the Saddlers from a division above them, by coming back from a goal down.

Michael Ricketts, who was later sent off, headed Walsall into the lead, but Darlington levelled on 31 minutes when Jamie Poole raced down the right and crossed for Adam Griffin to set up Jason Kennedy, who fired home.

Poole was involved with the winner, when he got away and set up Billy Clarke to score at the second attempt.

Darlington: Brown, Purdie, Foster, Miller, Fortune (sub Austin), Poole, Kennedy, Ravenhill (sub Hulbert), Proudlock (sub Blundell), Clarke (sub Main), Griffin

14th August 2010 Blue Square Premier

Darlington 1 Newport County 0,
Attendance 2,597

Quakers' first game in the Blue Square Premier after relegation from the Football League saw us beat our old Football League friends Newport with a 4th minute goal by Liam Hatch, one of



BILLY CLARKE

seven new players in the Darlington starting line up. Keeper Sam Russell had a blinder at the other end, pulling off several good saves.

Darlington: Russell, Arnison, Miller, Austin, Hone, G Smith, Terry, Chandler, Hatch (sub M Smith), Senior (sub Wright), Offiong (sub Moore). Subs not used: Jack, Clarke.

13th August 2011 Blue Square Premier

Darlington 1 Braintree 0,
Attendance 2268

This was Quakers' first league game since lifting the FA Trophy at Wembley, and we had a late headed goal by Liam Hatch to thank for the three points - the second season running he had scored the winning goal in the opening game.

Marc Bridge-Wilkinson also hit the bar, while Ben Purkiss made his debut at right back.

Darlington: Russell, Purkiss, Miller, Lee, G Taylor, Chandler (sub McReady 59 mins), Atkinson, K Taylor, Bridge-Wilkinson (sub Bowman 69

mins); Hatch, Walshaw.

Subs not used: Pocklington, Arnison

13th August 2016 Vanarama National League North

Darlington 4 Boston United 1,
Attendance 1,435.

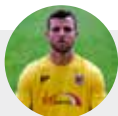
Quakers were magnificent in their first home league game at Heritage Park against the team that had lost in the play offs the previous season.

Terry Galbraith scored from the spot just before half time, and five minutes after half time Liam Hardy ran through and scored the second. Phil Turnbull had a big hand in the third when his low shot was turned past the keeper by a defender - Phil didn't claim it though - and Mark Beck made it 4-0 with a header. Boston, the old club of Liam Marrs, pulled a late goal back.

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Gillies, Scott (sub Portas 58), Beck, Hardy (sub Cartman 62), Thompson (sub Mitchell 52)

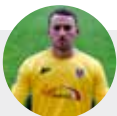
Subs not used: Bell, Nowakowski

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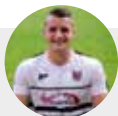
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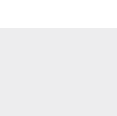
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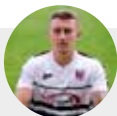
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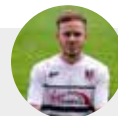
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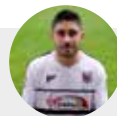
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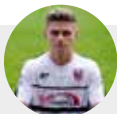
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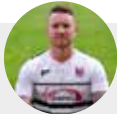
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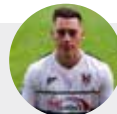
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The last time

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



Last time we won at home – 9th August
2017, 4-3 v Gainsborough Trinity

Last time we drew at home – 3rd
December 2016, 2-2 v Salford City

Last time we lost at home – 25th February
2017, 2-3 v Harrogate Town

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

Last time we drew away – 25th March
2017, 3-3 at Gainsborough Trinity

Last time we lost away – 29th April 2017,
1-5 at Salford City

Last time we kept a clean sheet at home –
22nd April 2017, 1-0 v AFC Telford United

Last time we kept a clean sheet away –
5th August 2017, 2-0 at Salford 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 – 9th August 2017, 4-3 v
Gainsborough Trinity

Last time we scored 3 times in a home
game – 8th April 2017, 3-2 v Tamworth

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

Last time we scored once in a home
game – 22nd April 2017, 1-0 v AFC Telford
United

Last time we failed to score at home – 2nd
September 2016, 0-1 v Kidderminster
Harriers

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

Last time we scored 4 times in an
away game – 29th October 2016, 4-1 at
Harrogate Town

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

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

Last time we scored once in an away
game – 29th April 2017, 1-5 at Salford City

Last time we failed to score in an away
game – 19th November 2016, 0-2 at AFC
Telford United

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

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

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

Last time a Darlo player scored a brace
in a home game – 26th December 2016,
Mark Beck v FC Halifax 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
– 29th March 2017, Harvey Saunders v
Bradford Park Avenue

Last time Darlo came from behind to
win – 9th August 2017, 4-3 v Gainsborough
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Last time Darlo lost after taking the lead –
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DFCSG *notes*

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Alfreton Town for this afternoon's Vanarama National League North match.

>> BY WAYNE RAPER

What a fantastic opening to the season for the Quakers with a 2-0 win at much-fancied Salford City. To put the result in context, 45 out of the 95 entrants in DFCSG's 'Come on Darlo' prediction league had forecasted a home win. It is virtually unheard of for so many 'Come on Darlo' managers to be so pessimistic before a match! In fact only Margaret Tinkler and Eric Gibson managed to predict the correct score. The predictions for this afternoon's match are far more optimistic, with 78 of the 95 managers going for a home win - let's just hope the 'Come on Darlo' fraternity hasn't got it wrong twice in a week!

Fixture Posters

As fans, one way we can all play a part in promoting Darlington Football Club is

ask your local shop, take-away, pub, community centre (or even social notice boards at work, college or school) to display one of our new fixture posters.

One of our volunteers, Stacey Fletcher has designed the poster to be 'printer friendly' for you to print-off at home. The latest poster is available to download from the home page of the DFCSG website at <http://www.dfcsng.co.uk>

If you don't have access to a printer, you can pick one up from Quaker Retail or at the 'Fans Table' at home matches. We have them in A3 or A4 sizes. A big 'thank you' goes to Technocopy for supplying the posters free of charge.

Each poster displays three fixtures, so for much of the season, a new poster is published every five or six weeks, therefore not too burdensome.

DFCSG Board Member Rob Duncan has many of the shops in Cockerton village covered. Similarly, volunteer Jamie Barker does a sterling job to keep the independent businesses in the town centre supplied. It would be really good if we could increase coverage in the estates across the town as well as the outlying villages. If 100 fans display just one poster each in their local shop, pub, take-away or barber, that will increase awareness to many potential new fans. Why not drop us line or call at the fans table to let us know where

your poster is being displayed? Then in a future programme we'll list all the businesses supporting Darlington Football Club.

DFCSG Membership Renewals

Subscriptions for the new season are due on 1 September 2017. Subscriptions for full adult membership are £20 and £5 for anyone u16. There is a variety of means available to pay your subscriptions to suit your convenience - cheque, cash, and our secure online direct debit facility.

To access the on line facility click on this link: <http://www.dfcsng.co.uk/renew>, where you will have the option of a £20 'one-off' payment or a monthly direct debit of £1.67.

You can pay by cash or cheque at Quaker Retail, or alternatively you can come and see us at the fans table at any home match.

Surplus funds from the new season's subscriptions will be used to support the current fund-raising drive to improve the infrastructure at Blackwell Meadows in order that the Club would be eligible to apply for promotion to the National League.

Enjoy the game!

Wayne Raper

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



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

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

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

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

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

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

Please e mail this information in confidence to dave.watson@darlingtonfc.org

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

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

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

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

And

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

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

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

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

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



QUAKER

with Lynn Jasper

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our home game against Alfreton. We are hoping the boys do us proud today, so let's get behind them and make lots of noise! Come on Darlo!



Lucky Season Ticket Winner

Darlington FC Supporters' group ran a competition recently and the lucky winner of a season ticket was James Parker. Many congratulations James and hope you enjoy watching Darlington this season. James came to pick up his season ticket from Quaker Retail last week. Doesn't he look great in his new away shirt too?



Leisurewear



In the last programme I wrote about the new Fusion range of leisurewear so today I would like to show you some of our Elite range from Avec. We had some of these last season and they proved to be very popular so we have kept some of the lines for the season.

Our pique poloshirt is always a good seller and we like to buy these to wear when we are in the shop. They are a cotton/polyester mix and wash really well. We have black and red available and Avec are expecting a delivery of white polos very soon. They are priced at £23 this season.

Another firm favourite is the Elite Technical Poloshirt. This polo is available in black with white contrast collar and side stripe or white



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If you are looking for a training jersey in the Elite range then we have three colours available, white, black and red with contrasting white features. These are also priced at £23.

For those rainy days when you don't want a heavy coat our Elite premier Rain jacket fits the bill. It's waterproof with a concealed hood and costs £35. We have the rain jacket in black or red.

A new Elite product for us this season is the Half Zip Poly Jacket. These are available in black and white and claret and white and we have sold lots of these already. They are £36 and look really smart.

Pocket Money Gifts

With our younger fans in mind we have some little button badges in stock for 50p. It's quite nice to have a variety of items to suit every pocket so hope this will please our young fans. We also have some fridge magnets for £1.00 which show the Darlington Crest.

Footballs

Again a favourite with our younger supporters but also mams and dads! The footballs are size 5 and bear the club crest but have enough spaces for players' autographs so the ball can either be kept as a memento of a match or to play the beautiful game. The footballs are priced at £10.00.

Well that's all from me. See you all again soon.

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Football in the Community



Matty Charlton is one of our coaches in our Football in the Community scheme, and helps with the Matchday Experience that starts today.

The Quaker asked him some questions about himself.

How long have you been doing the Matchday Experience?

I've been doing the MDE coming up three seasons now, I started at Heritage Park and still doing it now to the day.

What gives you the most satisfaction from the scheme?

The most satisfaction I get is probably seeing the star struck faces of young fans who come in and meet the players, I was in their position once, and giving something back to the club you've followed all your life, is pretty special.

What sort of questions do the kids ask the players?

We've had all sorts, my most memorable question one lad asked, was, "Who's got the best looking girlfriend, what's her name and age, and where can I find her?" Comical.

How long does the Matchday Experience last?

The MDE starts around midday and lasts right through till the end of the game, with the penalties at half time on the pitch in front the Tin Shed.

Have you ever taken a penalty in the Matchday Experience?

We have taken a few penalties actually, never missed one yet. On the rare occasions we do, bottom left for me, the best one was Andrew's at the Arena last pre-season. (Well, he thinks so anyway.)

Did you play football when you were younger?

I used to play football yes. I played for Barnard Castle and either played full back or just in front of the back four, I was good in my younger days, but now more of a managerial role running my own side.

Who is the most famous footballer you've ever met?

Most famous footballer I've ever met, hmm, probably Paul Gascoigne or Peter Beardsley, both really top genuine and lovely blokes.

What is the best Darlington match you've ever seen?

There have been a few, obviously the memorable promotion games, but I don't think anything will top Wembley in the FA Trophy Final.

How long have you supported Darlo?

I've followed Darlington my whole life, been going ever since I was a tot, even at Feethams, when I was a baby!

What is your most favourite Darlington goal?

Best Darlington goal I've seen, Cartman's team goal last season was phenomenal, so that as a team, individually, probably Jason Kennedy in the play offs or Martin Smith vs Lewes years ago in the FA Cup or his against Mansfield at the Arena.

Who are your favourite players?

Current favourite player has to be Nathan Cartman or Phil Turnbull. Past favourite player, Barry Conlon or Rob Purdie.

For details of our Matchday Experience,
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Football in the Community



Deano Browne is the lead coach for our Football in the Community scheme. We asked him a few questions about his football career.



How long have you been doing the Matchday Experience?

I first started doing the matchday experience in our first season at the Arena back in 2003, and then continued to Bishop Auckland.

What gives you the most satisfaction from it?

Seeing the children enjoying the experience of a Darlington game and then become a Darlo fan.

What questions do the kids ask the players? (I'm looking for some funny ones here)

The kids questions are normally things along the lines of how much money do you get and what car do you drive, but once I had a parent ask a player if he had a girlfriend

How long does a Matchday Experience last?

The children get an hour's coaching at the Dolphin Centre 11-12 then get transported to the ground for some food, a tour, meeting the players and possibly a kick around on the pitch. The children will watch the match then be picked up from 5 at the main gate.

Have you ever taken a penalty in the Matchday Experience?

No, But when I was in primary school (Gurney Pease) I took penalties at Feethams in the town penalty shootout competition. I scored all 4 of my penalties en route to the final where I bottled it and hit the cross bar.

Did you play football -- what position did you play? Who for? Were you any good?

I'm a centre back or right back. I trained with DFC when I was in my first year of college but was nowhere near good enough, I remember trying to mark Barry Conlon in a training session -- haha -- but just play locally now and manage Newton

Aycliffe in the Northern League.

Who's the most famous player you've ever met?

In my eyes Rick Ravenhill haha but I did my UEFA B with Julio Arca and I've bumped into Rio Ferdinand on a night out.

What is your favourite Darlington match?

I have a few from different eras, when we beat Hartlepool at the Vic when Danny Mellanby and Brian Atkinson scored, when we beat Rochdale in the playoffs at home, when we beat Gateshead at home in the 1st leg of the FA Trophy and we were 2-0 down and recently when we beat Spennymoor in the play offs at Bishop Auckland. What a game.

How long have you been a Darlington fan?

Around 19/20 years properly but my grandad took me to Feethams a couple times before that.

What is the best goal you've seen scored by a Darlo player?

Possibly Jason Kennedy's goal against Rochdale in the play offs at home because of the occasion and atmosphere or you could pick the one he scored away they were both great goals.

Who is your favourite current Darlo player? Who is your favourite past player?

My favourite current player is probably Gary Brown, quality old school honest defender on the field and the nicest of blokes off the field, and for some reason I loved Ricky Ravenhill. I just thought he worked his socks off every game and did a lot of work that didn't get recognised.

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. London & Birmingham 2. Old Mother Shipton 3. St Angela's 4. Antipasto 5. First World War (1916) 6. Kinder Scout 7. True Grit 8. Bananarama 9. Narcissus 10. Hot Gossip 11. Yellow

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Season's Stats

VANARAMA LEAGUE

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH 2017-18

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Harrogate Town	2	2	0	0	6	0	6	+6
2	Southport	2	2	0	0	6	1	6	+5
3	Darlington	2	2	0	0	6	3	6	+3
4	Brackley	2	2	0	0	5	2	6	+3
5	Spennymoor Town	2	2	0	0	4	2	6	+2
6	Curzon Ashton	2	1	0	1	4	3	3	+1
7	York City	2	1	0	1	2	1	3	+1
8	Alfreton Town	2	1	0	1	3	3	3	0
9	Leamington	2	1	0	1	3	3	3	0
10	Bradford PA	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	0
11	Tamworth	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	0
12	Chorley	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	0
13	AFC Telford United	2	1	0	1	2	3	3	-1
14	Salford City	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	-1
15	Stockport County	2	1	0	1	3	1	3	-2
16	Boston United	2	1	0	1	3	5	3	-2
17	Nuneaton Town	2	1	0	1	1	4	3	-3
18	Gainsborough Trinity	2	0	0	2	4	6	0	-2
19	FC United	2	0	0	2	3	5	0	-2
20	Kidderminster	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	-2
21	Blyth Spartans	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	-4
22	North Ferriby	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	-6

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	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	2	0	0	0	1	0	43	0	2	1	19	0
Gary Brown	2	0	0	0	0	0	153	3	11	0	16	2
Kevin Burgess	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	2	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	27	5	1	33	2
James Caton	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dominic Collins	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	2	0	0	0	2	0	18	1	0	0	3	0
Terry Galbraith	2	0	0	0	1	0	167	14	14	1	53	2
Josh Gillies	2	0	0	0	1	0	32	8	2	0	11	0
Chris Hunter	2	0	0	0	0	0	133	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	3	0	0	0
Tom Portas	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	14	7	0	9	0
Jordan Richards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey Saunders	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	2	0
Leon Scott	0	2	0	0	0	0	155	31	14	1	20	0
David Syers	2	0	0	0	1	0	21	9	1	1	10	0
Stephen Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	8	14	3	67	6
Phil Turnbull	2	0	0	0	0	0	82	1	2	1	1	0
Arran Wearmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Ed Wilczynski	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0



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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017/18

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2017	VERSUS		R	S	ATT																
Sat Aug 5th	Salford	A	3.00	2-0	1777	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n 2	Scott	Saund's	Marrs	Fen'ick	Wil'ski
Wed Aug 9th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	7.45	4-3	1682	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Fen'ick	Wil'ski	Thomp'n
Sat Aug 12th	Alfreton	H																			
Tues Aug 15th	York City	A																			
Sat Aug 19th	AFC Telford United	H																			
Sat Aug 26th	North Ferriby	A																			
Mon Aug 28th	Spennymoor Town	H																			
Sat Sept 2nd	Southport	A																			
Tues Sept 5th	Chorley	A																			
Sat Sept 9th	Leamington	H																			
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H																			
Sat Sept 16th	FA Cup 2Q																				
Sat Sept 23rd	Boston United	A																			
Sat Sept 30th	FA Cup 3Q																				
Sat Oct 7th	Stockport County	H																			
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town (also FA Cup 4Q)	A																			
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H																			
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A																			
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town (also FA Cup 1R)	H																			
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A																			
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H																			
Sat Nov 25th	FA Trophy 3q																				
Sat Dec 2nd	Curzon Ashton	A																			
Sat Dec 9th	Salford City	H																			
Sat Dec 16th	FA Trophy 1R																				
Sat Dec 23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A																			
Tues Dec 26th	Harrogate Town	H																			
Mon Jan 1st	Harrogate Town	A																			
Sat Jan 6th	York City	H																			
Sat Jan 13th	Alfreton (also FA Trophy 2r)	A																			
Sat Jan 20th	Chorley	H																			
Sat Jan 27th	Leamington	A																			
Sat Feb 3rd	Blyth Spartans (also FA Trophy 3r)	H																			
Sat Feb 10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
Sat Feb 17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat Feb 24th	Kidderminster Harriers (also FA Trophy 4r)	H																			
Sat Mar 3rd	Tamworth	A																			
Sat Mar 10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
Sat Mar 17th	North Ferriby(also FA Trophy semi final first leg)	H																			
Sat Mar 24th	AFC Telford United (also FA Trophy semi final second leg)	A																			
Sat Mar 31st	Southport	H																			
Mon Apr 2nd	Spennymoor Town	A																			
Sat Apr 7th	Boston United	H																			
Sat Apr 14th	FC United of Manchester	A																			
Sat Apr 21st	Nuneaton Town	H																			
Sat Apr 28th	Stockport County	A																			
Wed May 2nd	play off qualifying round																				
Sun May 6th	play off semi final																				
Sat May 12th	play off final																				

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1st Team Physio department

1st Team Physio department is a brand new venture that launches at the end of this month, based at Eastbourne Leisure Complex and is open to the general public. We aim to focus on a variety of techniques including sports massage, deep tissue and physiotherapy.

Our department will be headed up by our first team physio, Jimmy Nesbitt, who has vast experience and expertise in sporting injuries and prevention. Jimmy is one of 1200 trigger point specialists within the U.K. and has practised in a wide range of fields from treatment of injured military personnel, to working with sports teams and varying levels.


Our Physio department will be under the Darlington FC banner but is open to anyone who requires treatment, we offer a variety of different techniques including deep tissue massage, trigger point treatment, postural assessment, maintenance massage, and ultrasound to name a few.

Please feel free to contact us to arrange a pre booked appointment.


We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

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Finlay Thomas is 9 years old next week, and goes to West Park Academy. His favourite player is Nathan Cartman.



Mitchell Tinkler is 8 years old and goes to Abbey Road Juniors, and his favourite player is also Nathan Cartman.

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THE DARLINGTON FC SQUAD AT THE START OF THE PROMOTION WINNING 1984-85 SEASON.
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 MIDDLE ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: MIKE ANGUS, DAVE MCLEAN, CHRIS SANDERS, FRED BARBER, STEVEN SMITH, DAVID HAWKER, JOHN HANNAH
 FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: BOB FARRELLY (PHYSIO), COLIN ROSS, GUY ULLIOTT, CYRIL KNOWLES (MANAGER), PETER JOHNSON, MARK MILLER, JOHN CRAGGS (PLAYER-COACH)



>TODAY'S TEAMS



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ADAM BARTLETT	
ED WILCZYNSKI	
LIAM MARRS	
JORDAN RICHARDS	
CHRIS HUNTER	
DOMINIC COLLINS	
KEVIN BURGESS	
GARY BROWN	
TERRY GALBRAITH	
DAVID FERGUSON	
TOM PORTAS	
LEON SCOTT	
PHIL TURNBULL	
DAVID SYERS	
JAMES CATON	
NATHAN CARTMAN	
MARK BECK	
SCOTT FENWICK	
JOSH GILLIES	
STEPHEN THOMPSON	
HARVEY SAUNDERS	
ARRAN WEARMOUTH	
JOE WHEATLEY	



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Referee: Thomas Parsons
Assistant referees: Reece Scott and Alexander Gray

> Today's other games:

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

> Next home games:

Saturday 19th August
AFC Telford United, kick off 3.00pm

Monday 28th August
Spennymoor Town, kick off 3.00pm

> Next away games:

Tuesday 15th August
York City, kick off 7.45pm

Saturday 26th August
North Ferriby, kick off 3.00pm

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