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# FROM THE dugout

*Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game.*

I'd like to make one thing clear as we go into the last three months of the season – there is no way that players and myself are settling for a midtable place.

As soon we came into this league back in August, we all said that we are aiming for at least a play off place, and that hasn't changed. In fact, after playing two thirds of the season, we are just as determined now to clinch a top five spot because we have a very good idea now of the strength of this league, and we know that we are capable of competing with all the teams within it.

So there is no way that we will settle for a place outside the play offs, we will keep fighting all the way to the end of the season.

We are at the right end of the table, and I am always looking to improve, which I'm sure the vast majority of you will appreciate. Yes, we will drop points 00 as all clubs seems to be doing at the moment -- but we try to learn from our unsatisfactory performances and put them right on the training ground for the following game.

For example, after our last home game against Curzon Ashton, we spoke about a few things and everyone worked hard in training before we went to Chorley last Saturday and picked up a good point in a 1-1 draw.

I'm also not the type of person to stand still, because once you are happy to do that, then you begin to go backwards. I will not allow our standards to slip. I am always looking to strengthen my squad, but I appreciate that I must do that within my budget, which in turn is dictated by our revenue.

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*Martin*



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**Kev Burgess** writes for the  
Quaker programme.

# CAPTAIN Kev

## HELLO, EVERYONE!

I thought that we played really well at Chorley last Saturday and were unlucky not to pick up three points. We had plenty of chances, but unfortunately we could only take one of them (ahem), so maybe it says something when their keeper was made man of the match for some of the saves he pulled off, although a few of us thought that Thommo should have had a penalty.

It was a much better performance compared to the previous week against Curzon Ashton. We put a lot of work into the Chorley game in two training sessions the previous week, and it all paid off.

We know that we must keep working hard, and can't afford to switch off because opposing teams have dangerous players.

But so do we. Players like Josh, Thommo and Becky have all given us great moments this season, and they're good enough to keep reproducing them.

I was delighted to score again on Saturday – that was my fourth of the season – but it looks as if time is running out for me in terms of reaching double figures! Seriously, all I'm bothered about is making sure that the team wins matches.

Thanks again for your support, it was great to see so many familiar faces over at Chorley on Saturday, let's hope that we can all enjoy a win this afternoon.

*Kev*

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Captain's Notes



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# Coming to town...

*Altrincham have a great FA Cup pedigree*



Altrincham Football Club has a proud history, which includes knocking more League sides out of the FA Cup than any other current non-league side. They have also been founder members of the Cheshire County, Northern Premier and the Alliance/Conference leagues as well as Conference (Nationwide) North.

The origins of Altrincham AFC can be traced back to around 1891 when they were known as the Rigby Memorial Club, formed from a local Sunday school. They went on to merge with another local club known as the "Grapplers" to form Broadheath F.C. and become founder members of the Manchester League in 1893. Today, they are the only founder members of the Manchester League still in existence. Prior

to 1903 the club played on a variety of fields in Broadheath, West Timperley and Altrincham before acquiring a new home at Pollitt's Field and, at the same time, changing their name to Altrincham AFC. They won the Cheshire Amateur Cup in 1903-04, beating Congleton Town 4-1, and the following season won the Cheshire Senior Cup, (defeating Chester 2-1), and the Manchester League title, a feat they repeated two years later. For the start of the 1910-11 season Altrincham were installed at Moss Lane after agreement with The Urban District Council. Moss Lane was officially opened on 3rd September, 1910 with the visitors being Macclesfield, who won 3-1.

Altrincham joined the Lancashire Combination Second Division for season 1911-12 and gained

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promotion to the 1st Division at the first attempt, finishing second on goal difference. In 1919 they became founder members of the newly formed Cheshire League and found success in the 1930s, winning the Cheshire League Cup in 1932-33 and the Cheshire Senior Cup the following year, as well as finishing runners-up in the League to Wigan in 1935 and 1936.

The club are well known for their FA Cup exploits which started in 1934 when they reached the First Round proper for the first time, losing 1-0 at Gainsborough Trinity, though they had already notched their first league scalp in a 4th Round Qualifying tie against Tranmere Rovers in 1921-22, winning the replay 4-2 after a 4-4 draw. Altrincham missed the first Post-War season and struggled to achieve any success in the 1950s and early 1960s, almost going out of business on a couple of occasions. Fortunes however were revived with the arrival of Peter Swales, Noel White and manager Freddie Pye in the mid-sixties and Altrincham won the Cheshire League title in back to back seasons in 1966 and 1967 and were runners-up in 1968. Altrincham then made it a hat-trick of foundations when, in 1968, they became founder members of the newly formed Northern Premier League (NPL) and went on to establish themselves as one of the leading Non-League clubs in the country over the next 15 years. A 1-1 draw against Everton at Goodison Park in 1975 and a respectable 2-0 defeat at Old Trafford in the replay established their Cup credentials. They won the FA Trophy at Wembley in 1978, the NPL Cup in 1970 and were the losing finalists in 1974, before finishing runners up in their final season in the NPL.

They were ever-present in the National Conference (formerly Alliance) from 1979

## / The Squad

**Manager** Matt Doughty

**Goalkeepers** Tim Deasy, Andrew Jones

**Defenders** Kyle Brownhill, John Cyrus, Shaun Densmore, Tom Hannigan, Sam Heathcote, Andy McWilliams, Sam Patterson

**Midfielders** Nicky Clee, Alan Goodall, Gary Jones, Sean Miller, Jake Mould, Elliott Newby, Simon Richman, Laurence Taylor

**Forwards** Craig Hobson, James Lawrie, Andy Owens, Damian Reeves

## Previous seasons

2015/16 National Premier Played 46 Points 44 Position 22nd

2014/15 National Premier Played 46 Points 56 Position 17th

2013/14 National North League Played 42 Points 81 Position 3rd

2012/13 National North League Played 42 Points 80 Position 4th

2011/12 National North Played 42 Points 61 Position 8th

## Recent Results

February 4th v Halifax Town (home) lost 0-1

January 28th v AFC Fylde (away) lost 1-4 Lawrie

January 24th v Brackley Town (away) drew 1-1 Clee

January 21st v Chorley (away) lost 0-2

January 14th v Gainsborough (home) lost 2-3 Owens, Cyrus

January 7th v Gloucester City (home) lost 0-1





# Coming to town...



until 1997 when they suffered their first relegation, to the UniBond Premier League (Northern Premier). As UniBond champions in 1999 they regained their Conference National status for 1999-2000, but only for one year before being relegated again to the UniBond. They narrowly qualified for the newly formed Conference North in 2004 and went on to finish fifth before becoming the only-ever winners of a North v South play-off, in 2005, to return to the Conference National for their third spell at that level. Despite being one of only a handful of part-time clubs, Altrincham finished a very creditable 18th in the Conference National in 2005-06, only to be deprived of any satisfaction at their achievement when they were deducted 18 points following Accrington Stanley's failure to get international clearance for James Robinson, who had joined Alty from Stanley. The deduction meant they were placed bottom of the league and relegated. But the demise of Canvey Island

and then the demotion of Scarborough gave Altrincham a late reprieve at the Conference AGM in June 2006 and they played again in the national division in 2006-07. This time, despite amassing 51 points, they finished fourth-bottom and again looked to be set for relegation. But once again financial shortcomings at another club saved them when Boston United were forcibly demoted to Conference North from the Football League.

The 2010-11 season saw relegation on the last day of the season when a win against Eastbourne would have saved them as other results went their way but the already relegated southern side won 4-3 and sent the Robins down into the Blue Square Bet North.

The first season in the BSN was one of transition with new manager Lee Sinnott being appointed over the summer months. They finished 8th and followed that in his second year with a 4th place play-off spot eventually losing to Brackley who subsequently lost to FC Halifax. The following season thirteen players were retained and five new recruits joined as The Robins looked to go one better and that was achieved with a last minute goal by Greg Wilkinson in the Play-off final thus promoting Altrincham back to the newly named Vanarama Conference for the 2014-15 season.

The 2015-16 season saw Lee Sinnott leave before the season ended and the caretaker role taken on by Neil Tolson and Matt Doughty was unsuccessful in preventing relegation.

The club prides itself on its financial prudence, with the current board having steered Altrincham FC from near financial ruin fourteen years ago through hard work and keeping to strict budgets. Historic debts have been paid off and though this has meant that the club operates on a much lower budget than its competitors, it has not sought the easy way out of going into administration and reneging on its debts.

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## CAPTAIN – ALAN GOODALL

Defender Goodall is one of the most experienced players in Altrincham's ranks. Having started his career at Bangor City in the League of Wales, he went on to play over 100 times for Rochdale between 2004 and 2007. He went on to have spells at Luton Town, Chesterfield, Rochdale, Newport County and Stockport County before spending three years at Fleetwood Town. During his time at Fleetwood he was part of the side that climbed the divisions, being part of promotion campaigns from the Conference National and League Two. Goodall went on to play over 50 times at Morecambe until he left in the summer joining Altrincham in July. He has been out in recent months with an injury, but is hoping to be back in contention for today's match.

## MANAGER MATT DOUGHTY

After Jim Harvey's contract as manager was terminated on 6 December 2016, his assistant, and former Alty defender, Matt Doughty was appointed, initially as interim manager, assisted by former captain Robbie Lawton and by former manager and player, Graham Heathcote. On 2 January 2017, after some encouraging team performances, Matt was appointed manager until the end of the 2016-17 season.

Matt was a left-back for Altrincham from June 2008, when he signed from Halifax Town, having been with the Shaymen since July 2004, a club he had joined from Rochdale. He had previously also played for Chester City, for whom he signed professionally when just 16. Matt was a regular for Chester for two seasons (1999-2001) making 53(+17) League/Conference appearances for them.

In 2001, he moved to Rochdale and had a trial with Southampton but a broken leg halted the prospects of a move to Hampshire. At Rochdale he made 93(+12) appearances in the League. Another broken leg sadly hampered the 5ft 8inch defender's career at The Shay but he still



managed 119(+12) league appearances for the club.

Matt made his Alty league debut on 9 August 2008 and he became one of the team's most consistent players, as well as its penalty taker, but he sadly suffered cruciate ligament damage against Salisbury City in February 2010. This injury effectively ended his initial spell at Moss Lane. After leaving Altrincham, Matt joined Witton Albion before moving on, in March 2011, to Hyde.

In 2012/13, Matt was back at the club and played regularly at left-back, as well as making some appearances on the left side of midfield, where his crossing ability was beneficial to the side. In 2013-14 Matt figured in most of the first 17 league games but, thereafter, made only sporadic appearances. A knee injury curtailed his involvement and, for the same reason, he elected to leave the club at the end of the 2013-14 season. He later enjoyed an FA Cup run (2014-15) with Warrington Town.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN DARLINGTON AND ALTRINCHAM

*There have been some notable encounters between Darlington and Altrincham in the past.*



NEIL WAINWRIGHT

The teams have played each other in a league game before, in season 1989-90 when both were in the GM Vauxhall Conference, in Brian Little's days as manager.

The first game of that season was at Feethams on March 20th 1990, Quakers winning 2-0. Jim Willis fired his first goal of the season through a crowd of players after 27 minutes – former Darlo keeper Jeff Wealands was in goal for Altrincham – then David Corner scored a late second from the penalty spot, his 13th goal of the season.

"We didn't create much and it was a relief to see the second goal go in," said Brian Little. "Altrincham played five at the back and packed the midfield, and until Corner's clincher always threatened to get back into the game."

The return game at Moss Lane is remembered by Darlo fans for the referee awarding a penalty against Quakers. The ground is adjacent to some allotments, and the ball went out of play. A replacement ball was provided, but unnoticed by the referee who had his back to play, the first ball was thrown back on to the field into the Darlington penalty area from outside the ground.

Kevan Smith picked the ball up just as the referee turned round and he promptly gave a penalty. Quakers were furious, and it was only when the linesman, urged on by frantic players, intervened to point out what had happened, that the referee Mr Millership changed his mind.

Former Ipswich striker David Geddis made his debut after being freed by Swindon and scored the winner from a John Borthwick pass near the end of the first half in a 1-0 win.

The clubs were drawn together in the second round of the 2001-02 FA Cup on December 8th 2001, a game that Match of the Day felt was appetising enough to cover, so commentator Barry Davies, was present.

Dan Chillingworth opened the scoring when Danny Mellanby helped on Andy Collett's long clearance.

Altrincham levelled with a Mark Maddox header on 70 minutes, but any hopes of a shock were dashed when Neil Wainwright headed in from an Ian Clark cross. Altrincham had a late penalty shout for handball, but referee Howard Webb – who was to referee on a much bigger stage only eight years later – waved their appeals away.

Manager Tommy Taylor said; "When we did get the ball down we passed it around, got into good areas and put quite a few good crosses in."

Quakers were then drawn at home to Peterborough in the third round and after drawing 2-2 at home (Neil Wainwright and Barry Conlon scoring, and the night of a legendary penalty), lost the replay 2-0.



DAVID GEDDIS AND JOHN BORTHWICK



*Last time we met*

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A last minute penalty earned Quakers a deserved point at Moss Lane.

They looked as if they were heading for defeat when Altrincham went 2-1 up with two minutes left, but Terry Galbraith kept his cool right at the death.

Kevin Burgess went close with a header for Quakers before they went behind to Altrincham's first real attack on 14 minutes, when a cross from the left was met by James Lawrie, who beat Peter Jameson with a looping back header into the net.

Quakers nearly levelled on 25 minutes. Leon Scott was fouled 30 yards out, and former Gateshead player Josh Gillies curled the free kick over the wall and narrowly wide of the left hand post.

Adam Mitchell then nearly equalised with a low right foot shot from the edge of the box that went just wide of the left hand post.

Gillies nearly levelled on 52 minutes. He picked up a through ball from Brown, turned quickly, beat two men and then hit a right foot shot that went just over the bar.

Quakers put on their third sub, Adam Nowakowski, up front, but it was Altrincham who should have scored when David Lynch won the ball midway inside the Darlington half and set up Lawrie who fired wide.

After Quakers had a penalty appeal turned down for a foul on Leon Scott, they equalised from a corner on 80 minutes.

Terry Galbraith whipped the corner in from the right, and skipper Burgess, steaming in, headed into the top corner of the net and seemed to have earned Quakers a point.

But with two minutes left, Jameson brought down Simon Richman in a goalmouth scramble, and Jake Mould hammered the penalty into the roof of the net.

However, Quakers kept going and in the fifth minute of stoppage time, Burgess was pushed in the area and Galbraith sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot.

**Darlington.** Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Mitchell (sub Nowakowski 70), Scott, Purewal (sub Portas 57), Cartman (sub Hardy 57), Gillies

**Subs:** Bell, Nightingale



TERRY GALBRAITH EQUALISES IN STOPPAGE TIME





# ED WILCZYNSKI

*New goalkeeper Ed Wilczynski made his Darlington debut in our last home game against Curzon Ashton. He spoke to Ray Simpson*



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**ED WILCZYNSKI**

Yorkshireman Ed wants to return to full time football again after joining Quakers from Bishop Auckland last month.

His surname (pronounced Will-chin-ski) might suggest that he comes from beyond these shores – like Loukas Papaconstantinou and Przemyslaw Kazimeirczak in the keeper's position before him in the past – but he was born and bred in Yorkshire (his dad is Polish and his mum is Irish), and he has played nearly all of his football in the county.

"I've always lived in Huddersfield, I came through various school teams and youth teams, and then I had seven years at Huddersfield Town," he said. "I joined when I was 14 and had two years playing for their youth teams, then I had two years as a scholar, and another three as a professional. I've played under managers like Lee Clark, Steve Grayson and Mark Robins.

"I travelled with the first team on several occasions, but I was never in the named squad, I went as third choice. But obviously I knew quite a few of the first team players and they were a good

influence on me. They were a good learning curve,

"But I never got near the first team, and I think it was one of those situations for the club in which if they ever needed a keeper, then they would go out and buy one, so I wasn't moving up the pecking order so to speak. It's not as if I'm an outfield player, where there are ten shirts available.

"I knew that my time was up, because I hadn't progressed much in terms of getting into the first team, and so I decided to put myself into the shop window."

***"I want to move up the football ladder and play at a higher standard of football. So moving to Darlington was a no-brainer really"***

Ed was loaned out to several clubs, and gained experience at Hyde United, FC United, Sheffield, Trafford and Bishop Auckland. It was playing for Bishops that he came to Quakers' attention, and vice versa.

"I played for a few clubs on loan, and then I joined Bishop Auckland, the contact was Nathan Haslam, the Bishop

assistant manager who knew goalkeeping coach Paul Clements at Huddersfield.

"I finished the season at Bishop Auckland, and went back to Huddersfield where my contract ran out. When I was released, I went back to Bishops as first choice keeper on a short term contract, just to keep myself in the shop window.

"I saw Darlington play a couple of times at Bishop Auckland, and I thought they were great, and so were the crowd. They're a big club that is going in the right direction, and I want to move up the football ladder and play at a higher standard of football.

So moving to Darlington was a no-brainer really."

Ed made his debut against Curzon Ashton a fortnight ago, and then last Saturday he was part of the team that drew 1-1

at Chorley.

"I think we're nicely in play off contention. Chorley only created one clear cut chance and that was the goal. On another day we could have won by three or four. I thought we looked solid and defended well as a team."

*Do you fancy meeting Ed and the other players after the game? Then why not enjoy our hospitality in the Feethams lounge -- e mail [hospitality@darlingtonfc.org](mailto:hospitality@darlingtonfc.org)*



# THE E X FACTOR

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



**DAN BURN** was in the Wigan Athletic team that played at Manchester United in a televised FA Cup tie on January 29.

The tall centre-back, who made his Darlington debut as a teenager in 2009, saw his team lose 4-0 at Old Trafford in what was a very comfortable victory for Jose Mourinho's side.

Now 24, Burn joined Wigan last summer having spent five years with Fulham where he moved to in 2011 after leaving Darlington.

**CRAIG LIDDLE** has been appointed as Middlesbrough's academy manager.

The 45-year-old, who has replaced David Parnaby, who had been in the role since 1998, said: "I'm thrilled and honoured to be given this opportunity.

"I've enjoyed working closely with Dave for a number of years and have been able to learn from the knowledge

and experience of one of the most respected Academy managers in the game. I know and understand the values of this football club and its Academy and I am looking forward to playing my part in the future and in the continued development of our young players."

Liddle was a player with Middlesbrough in the mid-1990s before joining Darlington in 1997 and going on to make over 300 appearances and becoming a club legend.

After a spell as Quakers' manager in 2011-12, he became a youth coach at Sunderland for a year before joining Boro's academy in 2013, and he is not the only former Quaker based at Rockliffe.

**ADAM REED** is a physio there, **GRAEME LEE** is a coach and **ANDREW THOMPSON** is one of the kit men alongside **PETER DARKE**, who was Quakers' kitman at the turn of the millennium.

**GARY BENNETT** has become assistant manager at Bishop Auckland.

He has initially agreed to support manager Steve Riley until the end of the season.

Bennett, a defender, signed for Darlington in 1998 and became manager two years later, replacing David Hodgson in the hot seat. He is already involved in a coaching academy

alongside fellow former Sunderland player Julio Arca, while he commentates on Sunderland matches for BBC Newcastle.

He missed his official first game against Penrith which was maybe a good thing, because his son Andre was sent off for two yellows.

**JAMES GRAY** scored a controversial goal for his new club Glenavon, helping them to beat Armagh City 2-0 in the Irish Cup on February 4.

Armagh keeper John Connolly had the ball knocked out his grasp by Glenavon's Rhys Marshall, Gray reacting quickest to give his side the lead.

Gray, who was released by Southport in December, said he had expected referee Arnold Hunter to stop play. "I saw the ball rolling out to me and was going to knock it back to the keeper," he said. "But the referee did not blow so I did when every striker would do - you put the ball in the net and ask questions later."

Aggrieved goalkeeper Connolly said: "The referee has admitted he got it wrong. It is hard to take, but what can you do. For a game like that to be changed in that way, well I have to be careful about what I say, but it was shocking."



# Where are they now?

*Ian Clark belongs to a select band of players who have made a success of making the move from Hartlepool to Darlington – he spoke to Ray Simpson*

# IAN CLARK



Ian was one of Tommy Taylor's first signings in November 2001, and he went on to make over 100 appearances for Quakers – and he became a crowd favourite, especially when he scored against his old club.

Ian had been at Hartlepool for over four seasons after joining them from Doncaster, and scored for Hartlepool against Quakers in the 2-2 draw at Victoria Park in February 1998 (Darren Roberts scored both for us).

But Darlo fans soon forgot about that when he scored for Quakers against Pools in a 1-1 draw at Feethams just two months after he moved.

"Not many people have played and scored for both Hartlepool and

Darlington in the local derby," he said. "Even though I played for over four years at Hartlepool, my dad was a strong Darlo fan, and he wanted me to join Darlington when they were interested after I left Hartlepool. It was great when the opportunity came along, because it kept my dad happy, plus I was still playing in the area.

"I scored thirteen goals in my first season at Darlington – including a goal on my debut against Rochdale -- which wasn't bad as a makeshift centre forward!

"I think my biggest memory was my first derby for Darlington against Hartlepool at Feethams (19th February 2002). I played against a lot of my old friends, and as usual feelings were pretty high amongst the players and fans. I managed to put us in the lead in the game, and we came away with a 1-1 draw, Mark Tinkler scored for them.

I didn't finish the 90 minutes though – my mate Graeme Lee crunched me in the second half, and I had to go off injured.

"I think I won the Darlington fans over properly that day. The derby games were always important to them, and if you didn't give your all in those games, then they would let you know about it! I always felt that I gave 110 per cent

in every game no matter who we were playing against, and the fans respected me for it. I know some former Hartlepool players got stick from Darlington fans before me, but I never experienced any of that.

"I was congratulated once by Hartlepool fans for scoring for Darlington – honestly! It was the end of the 2001-02 season, and Hartlepool were going for one of the promotion places. We were out of it at Darlington, and only had pride to play for when we faced Scunthorpe.

"We played really well. I scored twice in the game as we won 2-1 and my goals put Hartlepool into the play offs. I got loads of texts from Chris Turner and the players thanking me after the game! Hartlepool lost in the play offs to Cheltenham."

All sorts changed in that period. Taylor departed, Mick Tait had a spell in charge, the club moved grounds, and David Hodgson answered an SOS to return.

"When Hodgy took over as manager from Mick Tait, I was a little bit apprehensive of what he would say to me, because of an incident after Darlington won at Hartlepool in the play off semi final in 2000.

"After the game, Hodgy came in





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## Where are they now?



to the Hartlepool changing room to commiserate and was quite sincere about it, but without thinking, I said something that I shouldn't have done and regretted it.

"So when Hodgy became manager of Darlington, the first thing he did was to call me into his office. I thought he was going to have a right go at me, but instead he said that he admired me for saying what I said, because at least I showed that I cared. We were great after that, no problems at all.

"The club went into administration, and for the players as a group, it was deflating for us, having just started afresh at the Arena. It was hard, because we thought that by moving from Feethams, that we would build a proper platform for the future. We thought it would be a catalyst for good things, not bad.

"It seemed as if that every time the club produced a good player, he would be sold to raise cash to keep the club going – Darlington were without doubt a selling club.

"So it says a lot for Hodgy and Martin Gray who helped him at the time, to save the club from relegation. We looked down and out at one point, but we put some great results together that season to save ourselves from relegation."

As well as four years at Quakers,

Ian also went on to play for Scarborough in their Football League days.

"I think it was my versatility that kept me going in the game for a long time. For example, I could play in centre midfield, left midfield, up front or at left back, so if I didn't start matches, I could be useful for coming off the bench and trying to change a game. I played in all sorts of positions for Hodgy.

"After four seasons at Darlington, I got to the point at the age of 31 that I needed to play regular football, and so I left.

"I don't think I had a bad record for Darlington. I played over 100 games and scored 27 goals, which wasn't a bad ratio.

"I sometimes watch some old matches with my son, who asks things like "What was your hair all about?" or "Did you really run like that?"

Ian is now working hard on his coaching qualifications, and is now up to UEFA A standard while working for Hartlepool College. "I did a course at St George's Park during the summer, and since then my coaching mentor has visited Marske, where I've put on several coaching sessions, which he appears to be satisfied with.

"The qualification fits in nicely with my day job at Hartlepool College. When I finished playing, I did a sports degree, and then I got my teaching qualifications, and I've been eight years at college now.

"It's a completely different career, I'm working on a football development course with students who are working for their coaching degrees, studying nutrition and sports science for example.

"I work with Tommy Miller, who

used to be at Hartlepool. We help each other, and are bouncing ideas off each other all the time."

Ian was appointed coach at Marske in the Northern League last year.

"The manager, Carl Jarrett, has given me free rein to get on with the coaching, and hopefully I can help with my experience. We're aiming to build something for a small club, and we've got some very good players to help us."

He made a brief playing comeback in Marske's 3-1 home win over Dunston UTS a few weeks ago, more of a cameo role really.

"Carl and I had some banter on Twitter about me playing. We had a few injuries, so I went on the bench just to fill it really, but some of the other subs weren't happy to be there.

"So Carl and I had some banter that I was in his ear wanting to go on the field from midway through the first half, and just like my playing days, I did some stretches in front of the dugout to catch the manager's eye!

"It was mainly a dig at our lads to show a better attitude when they're chosen as subs.

"By the time I went on, the game was won – I've got no intention of putting my boots on again, not at the age of 41! There are some very good players in this league, and I'm not going to embarrass myself."

Just like all of our former players who made a good impression, Ian keeps a keen eye on Quakers' progress.

"Martin has done a fantastic job in lifting the club from the Northern League to the National League in just four seasons, and the fanbase has been superb. It's great that the club is back in the town, and now it would be even better to see Darlington back in the Football League!"



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## *Star BTEC student Dale signs a contract with Darlington FC*



Darlington College student Dale Milburn has taken the first step to becoming a full time professional footballer by signing a contract with Darlington FC.

Dale is the first student from the BTEC Sports Science with Football course, which is run by the Martin Gray Football Academy at Darlington College, to sign a playing contract with a football club.

Dale has made outstanding progress since he started the BTEC course, and is testament to the quality and standard of coaching that he has received from qualified coaches – and the club is hopeful that he will become a first team regular in the near future.

As well as starring for the Darlington College team, he is a prolific scorer with Darlington FC Under 18s, helping them reach the last qualifying round of the FA Youth Cup, and also for Durham County Under 18s, for whom he recently scored a hat trick.

Darlington manager Martin Gray said; "Dale has made great progress over the last few months, and has proved that he has got plenty of ability and skill. If he keeps working hard and continues to improve with the excellent coaching provided, then he's got a great future in the game. He's proof of the route to the first team



that we're trying to establish for youngsters at the club."

Coach Andrew Jinks says that Dale had been "a real pleasure" to work with. "His in game knowledge has excelled over the last couple of months. He has brought closing down from the front into his game this season, and his experiences with the teams he plays for have taken him to another level.

"Dale is bright in training and games, and is a perfect role model for those looking to do

the BTEC course."

Reserve team joint manager Mark Fanning said; "He's only played a few games for us, but he's run opposing defences ragged."

Dale, 18 and from Kelloe, is now turning in some very good performances against opponents much older than him in Darlington's reserve team, and he has been part of the Darlington first team squad.

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## HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



*Chris Sykes rounds up the action in the Vanarama National League North*

Any thoughts AFC Fylde would canter to the title will need to be re-evaluated after the Coasters were hammered 5-0 at Salford last week. Fylde do have a nine-point lead, although sides below them have a game in hand.

At the time of writing, Kidderminster were third, but would have moved up a place if they avoided defeat at Stalybridge on Tuesday. At the start of play today, Harriers had a game in hand on Fylde.

Salford moved up to second after that stunning win over Fylde. The Ammies are in form with six wins from seven matches.

Fourth placed Chorley are two points behind Salford following last weekend's draw with Darlington. Their form is patchy, after three wins, three defeats and two draws since mid-December.

Stockport County are unbeaten in the league since November, a run of 10 games, which has seen them move into play-off places.

FC Halifax are two points behind the play-off places after going five games unbeaten. The Shaymen are a point ahead of 7th-placed Darlington.

Level on points with Quakers are Tamworth. The Lambs have struggled for form since December, picking up two wins and four defeats.

Harrogate Town are eight points adrift of the play-offs but have improved their form of late, with just one defeat in their last six.

A 2-0 win at AFC Telford made it three wins in a row for 10th-placed Gloucester City. They had previously lost six games in a row.

Brackley Town have drifted away from the play-offs after failing to win any of their last four league games. They are nine points from the top five, but with four games in hand.

After victories over Fylde and Darlington, Curzon Ashton's form has tailed off in the last week, after taking only one point from back-to-back games against Stalybridge and Bradford Park Avenue.

After a slow start to the season, FC United of Manchester have moved into the relative safety of midtable. They have however won only one of their last seven.

Nuneaton Town have taken only one point from their previous three league games, and that has ended a run of five wins in a row.

And 15th-placed Boston United sit seven points above the drop zone after taking only three points from their last four league games.

Last Saturday's 2-0 win over Gainsborough Trinity eased Alfreton's relegation worries. They are four points above relegation.

That defeat saw Gainsborough slip to 17th in the table, behind Alfreton on goal difference. It also ended a four-match unbeaten streak.

Without a win in 11 league matches, Worcester City have dropped to within three points of the drop zone. Worcester haven't won a game since late November.

AFC Telford are just above the relegation places after winning only one of their previous eight games.

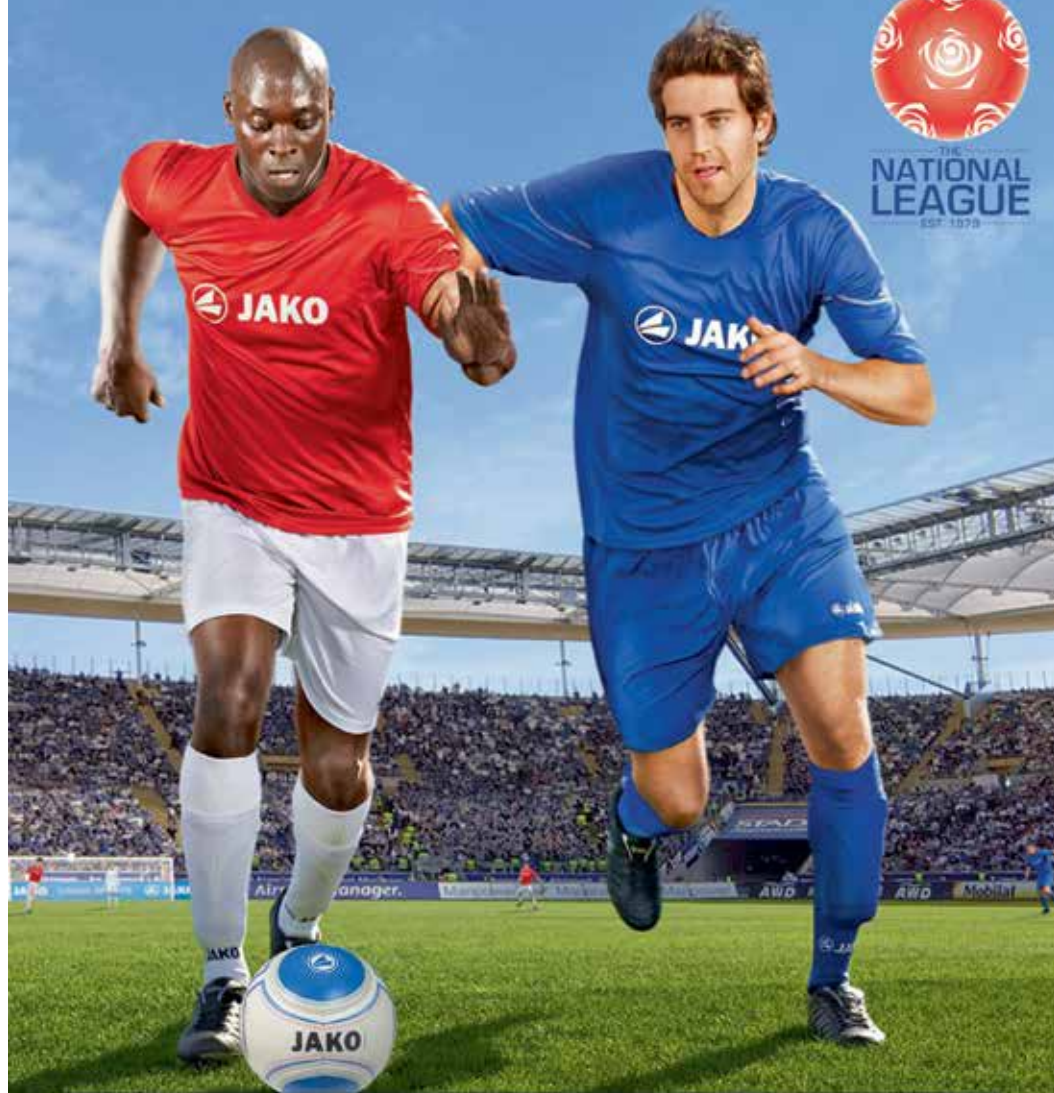
They're two points ahead of Bradford PA, who beat Curzon Ashton 2-1 last week. They have five wins and five defeats from their last 10 games.

Second-bottom Stalybridge Celtic are 12 points adrift from safety after picking up just one victory in the league since the end of October.

And beleaguered Altrincham, who visit Blackwell Meadows this afternoon, have just nine points to their name after winning just once in the league all season.



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# Reserves

## Four wins in a row for the reserves!

Darlington Reserves, who are kindly sponsored by MKM Building Supplies, have won their last four league games to climb into the top half of the Wearside League table.

Their improvement has been rapid over the last four months. When Horden moved under the Darlington umbrella in October, they were second from bottom of the table and looking over their shoulders at the bottom club, but now they're into the top half of the table and aiming for a top six finish.

Their good run started on January 14th when they kept their nerve to win 3-2 at Windscale. They were 2-0 up through Nathan Stephenson and Lewis Reeve, and after the Cumbrians drew level, Stephenson got the winner.

The following week Quakers hammered Prudhoe 7-1 at Eastbourne, with seven different players getting on the scoresheet.

Kurt Matthews, Tom Young, Nathan Stephenson, Reece Allinson, Danny Wheeler, Lewis Walton and Dylan Crooks all scored, but Dale Milburn led the Prudhoe defence a merry dance with his pace and movement.

Then Quakers beat South Shields Reserves 4-1, even though they played more than half the game with ten men.

Joey Smith, Derek Wade, Kurt Matthew and Nathan Stephenson scored the goals, while young keeper Harry Donkinson saved a penalty at the other end.

Then last Saturday, it was win number 4 when Quakers won 3-0 at Seaham Red Star Reserves, with goals by Nathan Stephenson (2) and Kurt Matthews.

The reserves have three joint managers – Mark Fanning, Paul Aldsworth and Steve Johnson – and Mark said; "The team has changed almost completely since October. We have got a young side now, made up of lads who played in our Under 18s two years ago, and some of our current Under 18s who are ready to make the step up to senior football.

"We are providing these players with a pathway towards the first team. They have all got plenty of potential, and it's up to us to provide the coaching to help them realise that."

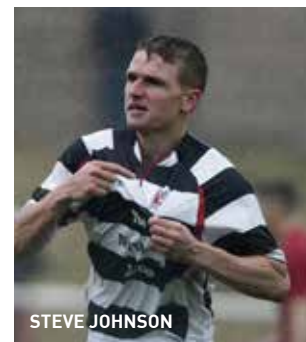
The Reserves play their home games at Eastbourne Sports Complex, so if the first team are playing away in the Vanarama National League North, then why not pop along and watch the potential first team players of the future? Keep an eye on our official website for news on the reserves!



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## PICTURES FROM THE PAST



DAN CHILLINGWORTH IS PICTURED SCORING AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS BACK IN DECEMBER 2001, THE STRIKER HELPING DARLINGTON TO A 2-1 FA CUP WIN AT MOSS LANE.

A CLEARANCE BY ANDY COLLETT DIVIDED ALTRINCHAM'S DEFENCE AND DANNY MELLANBY FLICKED THE BALL ON FOR CHILLINGWORTH TO APPLY THE FINISH FROM 14 YARDS, WITH NEIL WAINWRIGHT GETTING QUAKERS' OTHER GOAL IN A SECOND ROUND TIE WHICH WAS SHOWN THAT EVENING ON MATCH OF THE DAY.

IT WAS CHILLINGWORTH'S FOURTH APPEARANCE DURING A MONTH'S LOAN FROM CAMBRIDGE UNITED, WHICH THE PACEY STRIKER WANTED TO EXTEND HAVING PLAYED REGULARLY AND MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

THE 20-YEAR-OLD PLAYED FIVE GAMES DURING HIS TIME IN THE NORTH-EAST, ALSO SCORING IN THE INFAMOUS 7-1 LOSS AT SCUNTHORPE WHEN REFEREE PAUL ALCOCK SENT OFF BOTH MARK FORD AND BARRY CONLON.

HOWEVER, A CHANGE OF MANAGER AT CAMBRIDGE - JOHN TAYLOR REPLACING JOHN BECK - LED TO CHILLINGWORTH BEING RECALLED TO THE ABBEY STADIUM.





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# STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

## FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which kitchen appliance was first introduced to the UK market in 1974? Most homes have one these days.
2. What is the name of the historic core of London often referred to as "The Square Mile"?
3. Which British coin ceased to be legal tender in 1960?
4. Although better known for another series of books, which author wrote "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"?
5. Who played the role of the headmaster in the 1986 comedy film "Clockwise"?
6. What is the capital city of Morocco?
7. Which town or city was known to the Romans as Glevum - they also play in the National League North?
8. Who was British Prime Minister at the time of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953?
9. Which 80s pop group recorded the theme song for the Bond film "A View to a Kill"?
10. Which film detective coined the phrase "make my day" "punk"?
11. Traditionally a Welsh dish, what is laverbread made from?
12. London: In May, 1980 the SAS stormed the embassy of which country, freeing all the hostages?

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In League games Quakers only failed to score in four games – name any two of the clubs who prevented us scoring.

**ANSWERS  
ON  
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## SECOND HALF – SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

13. Who was the original compere of University Challenge?
14. In which town would you find The National Children's Museum known as Eureka?
15. Where were Bobby and Jackie Charlton born?
16. Which Yorkshire "Band" reached No 2 in the charts in 1977 with their version of "The Floral Dance"?
17. Where in Derbyshire might you scale the Heights of Abraham and, from there, admire the Bath?
18. In which area of Tyneside was Paul Gascoigne born?
19. The crest of which county cricket club features 3 pears?
20. With which English league club (then in Division Four) did Kevin Hector begin his professional career in the 60s?
21. Where might sales of spa water "Peak" during the hot, summer months?
22. Which actor played the character of Dirty Den in TV's Eastenders?
23. Which town in the West Midlands is a centre of glassmaking and the football club is nicknamed the Glassboys?
24. Where does the Great North Run always end?

**PLAYER  
STATS**

**24 - 20** Top striker! Excellent points total should bring yet another promotion  
**19 - 13** Creative football brain on the ball, but inconsistent in the penalty area

**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



# Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

*Simon Weatherill recalls the home game against Cambridge and the visit of David Frost on February 17th 1973.*

The 1972/73 season was not a great time to be a Darlington supporter, with the club in complete turmoil. As the new year dawned in 1973 the Quakers found themselves at the foot of the Division 4 table, on the brink of financial collapse, with attendances falling to an all time low and a deeply unpopular chairman, George Tait, who seemed to be upsetting everyone – players, press, supporters and even fellow directors – with his comments and refusal to improve the playing squad.

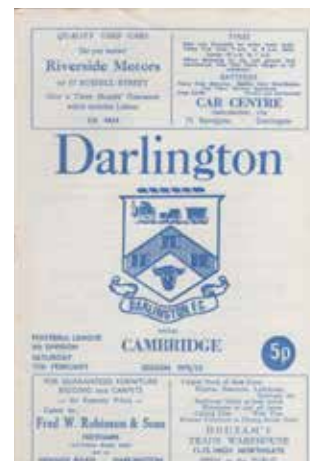
When Tait had appointed Allan Jones as manager in the previous summer, he'd described him as a "budding Brian Clough" and "destined for great things". Things didn't start too well and by October, the club's poor start to the season was put down to a lack of support, and Tait warned that unless attendances improved the club faced extinction. A month later and Tait had changed his stance slightly. "I don't blame the supporters for staying away. The football we are playing at the moment is rubbish". He then turned on the local press for making "truly malicious and untrue statements" about his intentions. Jones was sacked as manager in the December (the fourth manager to leave Feethams in 14 months) and replaced by Ralph Brand. Brand was an ex Scottish international who had played for Sunderland, Manchester City and Rangers, but this was his first attempt at management.

Darlington gained national attention in the February when David Frost spent a week in the town making a programme for his popular Sunday night TV series "The Frost Programme". He interviewed the chairman, manager, players, supporters and even people in the pubs and clubs around the town as to why they didn't support the team. He even joined in training to get an accurate idea of what life was like for a Darlington footballer. The week started with a 5-0 thumping at Chester on the Saturday. This was due to be followed by a Tuesday night home game against Workington but that was postponed as the Feethams pitch was frozen rock solid. The weather relented and the pitch thawed to allow Saturday's game against Cambridge to take place, although conditions were described as "extremely heavy".

Brand wanted to make changes after the Chester defeat but was restricted by the size of his squad. One enforced change came at centre forward. Peter Graham had fractured his cheekbone at Chester and would miss the game. His place would go to triallist Ian Hopkinson. The only other change to the starting eleven would see Steve Holbrook return to the side in place of John Leadbitter. Darlington had won 3-0 at Cambridge on the first day of the season, but the two club's fortunes had changed dramatically since then. The Quakers had won only three more times and sat bottom of the

table with 15 points from their 29 games so far. Cambridge sat in 4th place and were challenging for promotion. They had 37 points from 32 games.

A crowd of 1412 turned out at Feethams to see the game. On an absolute quagmire of a pitch they saw the home side make a spirited start with several openings in the first few minutes. They forced their first corner on two minutes but it came to nothing. A minute later a Gordon Jones free kick flashed across goal without anyone getting a touch, then Colin Sinclair missed a good chance when he miskicked in the heavy mud inside the Cambridge area after being put through by Geoff Barker. In the ninth minute the Quakers grabbed the lead that their early pressure deserved when Don Burluraux scored. Steve Holbrook took possession in the centre of the field and played in Burluraux down the left. The winger took the ball in his stride, side stepped his full back and fired in a low drive from just inside the box. Ten minutes later things got even better for the home side when Norman Lees fired in a superb second goal, winning the ball in a tackle just outside the box and crashing the ball home from 20 yards out. Cambridge pulled a goal back in the 24th minute. Bobby Ross fired in a cross and goalkeeper Ernie Adams lost his footing in the thick mud in front of his goal and David Lill tapped into the unguarded net. Darlington stormed back and put



heavy pressure on the visitors' goal with Sinclair firing narrowly over, then beating two defenders before shooting wide. Completely against the run of play, Cambridge equalised in the 40th minute. Brian Greenhalgh fired in a shot, which Adams couldn't hold and Walton got the final touch as the ball rolled through the mud towards the home goal. Only two minutes later another defensive mix up handed Cambridge the lead. Lill fired in a hard, low cross and as Walton challenged the diving Adams, the ball ran loose to Ross who tapped home. From 2-0 in front, the Quakers had managed to concede three sloppy, goalmouth scramble like goals to go in at half time 3-2 behind. Adams had never looked comfortable in the treacherous conditions and United had taken full advantage.

Darlington started the second half strongly and managed to draw level in the 51st minute. Alan Harding put Ian Hopkinson in the clear with a clever through ball and the triallist steadied himself and curled his shot around the keeper just inside the far post. Lill hit a shot just wide a minute



*The 1972/73 season was not a great time to be a Darlington supporter, with the club in complete turmoil.*

later, but that was the last threat that the visitors posed, as the Quakers pushed for a winner. Sinclair should have done better, when he delayed his shot too long with the goal at his mercy. Then Burluraux took over, constantly threatening with strong runs down the left. United keeper Graham Smith was in fine form though and saved his side a point with several fine saves in the last 15 minutes as Darlington had to settle for the draw in the Feethams mud.

Things never really improved for the Quakers on the pitch. It would be another eleven games before they registered their next win, 3-1 at home to Crewe. They finished the season rock bottom with 29 points from 46 games. They'd managed only seven wins and had scored only 42 goals. Supporters voted with their feet and the average attendance was 1697, the lowest in the club's history. The Frost Programme did not make for pretty viewing, but the sympathy and goodwill generated by the 60 minutes of TV fame probably helped the club in their re-election application, at the League's AGM in June. All four League clubs

were re-elected. Colchester (with 48 votes), Northampton (43), Crewe (36) and Darlington (26), beating applications by Yeovil (14), Kettering (12) and Wigan (10).

The programme for 1972/73 consisted of 16 pages and cost 5p. The front cover was printed in blue for some reason and featured the new club badge. Inside were programme notes, an action photo from a previous game, a league table, today's ref, appearances and goalscorers, star spot of the week featuring one of the first team squad (the squad was so small, some players featured twice or even three times during the season), half time scoreboard, results and fixtures, pen pictures of the opposition and the team line-ups.

## Team v Cambridge :

1 Ernie Adams 2 Mick Wright 3 Gordon Jones 4 Norman Lees 5 Geoff Barker 6 Billy Horner 7 Steve Holbrook 8 Colin Sinclair 9 Ian Hopkinson 10 Don Burluraux 11 Alan Harding 12 Alan Sproates (not used)

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## CHORLEY 1 DARLINGTON 1

Quakers were unlucky not to come away with all three points from Victory Park against one of their closest rivals.

Quakers proved that they're still in the thick of the promotion fight by taking their fourth point of the season off Chorley, who possess one of the best defensive records in the division.

Quakers nearly took the lead after 2 minutes. Mark Beck helped on a free kick for Stephen Thompson to lay off for Nathan Cartman, who hit a first time shot inches over the top corner of the goal, then David Syers volleyed a David Ferguson free kick just over the top.

Quakers took the lead on 16 minutes when Gary Brown nodded down Stephen Thompson's corner for Kevin Burgess to force in from close range.

They nearly got a second from another corner on 20 minutes, when Thompson's right wing corner was headed powerfully towards goal by David Syers, and a defender cleared off the line.

Chorley equalised on 33 minutes when Jack Sampson chested down a right wing cross for Marcus Carver to hit powerfully left footed past the stranded Ed Wilczynski from the edge of the area.

Quakers went up the other end and nearly regained the lead when Syers got through and Chorley keeper Ritchie Branagan just managed to palm the ball away.

And Quakers had another chance when Thompson and Beck combined nicely to put Cartman in 10 yards out, but Ritchie Branagan smothered at his feet.

The chances kept coming for Quakers. Nathan Cartman was unlucky twice, and Branagan saved Thompson's 30 yard free kick at full stretch.

Jack Sampson was just off target at the other end, and Quakers nearly took the lead on 70 minutes when Thompson pounced on a poor headed back pass and with the keeper advancing he poked the ball wide, but seemed to be fouled by the keeper while doing so.

Quakers had a chance to win it late in the game when Thompson got through again, but Branagan saved well at his feet.

MG said; "It's a game we should have won. We created chances throughout the game, two or three great ones in the first half, and on another day we could have scored four or five, so I'm disappointed not to win the game."

### STATS:

Darlington: Wilczynski, Falkingham, Ferguson, Burgess, Brown, Turnbull, Syers (sub Galbraith 80), Scott, Thompson (sub Saunders 90), Beck, Cartman (sub Gillies 75)

Subs not used: Jameson, Blackford Bookings: None

Chorley: Branagan, Challoner. Beesley, Teague. Leather, Jordan, Blakeman, Whitham (O'Keeffe 65), Carver, Sampson, Cottrell  
Subs: Charnock, Azam, McDaid, Roscoe Bookings: Jordan, O'Keeffe  
Attendance 1387



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LEAPS TO AVOID  
ONRUSHING KEEPER  
RITCHIE BRANAGAN



NATHAN  
CARTMAN IN  
ACTION



KEVIN BURGESS  
OPENS THE  
SCORING

### THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

4 – the number of goals that Kevin Burgess has scored this season

21 – the number of away league points that Quakers have picked up this season

26 – the number of away league goals that Quakers have scored this season

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# SPEAKING

BY ANTH  
MCMASTER

*Good Afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows.*

After a good away point at Chorley, hopefully, you have taken up the 'bring a friend' initiative and we have another good crowd today and let's get behind the players.

## SPONSORS

Today's match sponsors are Sherwoods who we welcome back. The Sherwoods group led by Alasdair MacConachie and son Simon have been sponsors, supporters and backers of the club for a long time, and it's great to host them today, and have them on board for the rest of the year. They are one of the longest established Vauxhall dealers, but also have commercial vehicles for your business, as well as servicing and MOTs on any make of car. You can check them out at [www.sherwoodsgroup.co.uk](http://www.sherwoodsgroup.co.uk).

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There are only a couple of games left to be sponsored this season so please enquire now. Match day hospitality is an opportunity for the club to generate revenue so if you or your business fancy a change or some hospitality for a game, get in touch. We had have had some really positive feedback of the experience – fans receive a great meal in fine surroundings, meet the manager and watch the game from the balcony.

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The signing of David Ferguson prompted new requests for kit sponsorship. All players are sponsored but if you want a certificate and photo opportunity, there is still time to sponsor a players shorts, socks or boots for £20 each.

## GROUND ADVERTISING

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# QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

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### HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES

Ideal for those freezing cold days at Blackwell Meadows why not come and purchase one of our beanie hats or a scarf. It will warm you up and show the team that you are supporting them by wearing our club colours. They cost £8 each. We also have a few pairs of plain grey or black gloves for sale if you need your hands warming up priced at £3.

### LAST REMINDER FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

In the last programme I went into detail about some of our smaller items which might come in handy for your Valentine. We have a good selection of:- pens, keyrings, mugs, phone cases, pennants, Football manager 17, badges and of course our fantastic range of polo shirts and away shirts supplied by Avec. A variety of items at prices which suit everyone. Have a great day at the match and I'll see you all again soon.

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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.

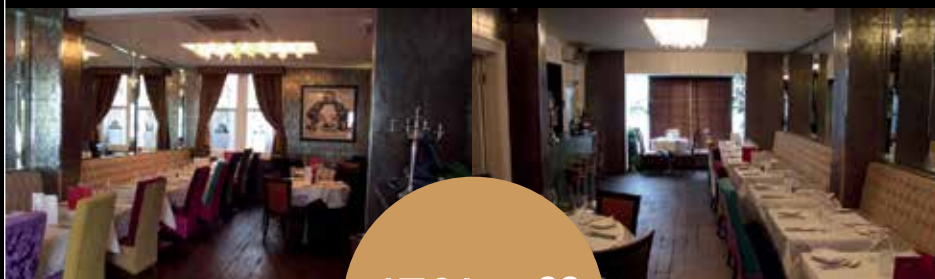
To further safeguard all who attend any event at this Ground/Stadium, we welcome the receipt of any information which will assist us to deter, apprehend/detain and where appropriate prosecute, anyone in possession of; or found discharging or being a party to the discharge of, such an article(s).

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## DFCSG Notes

BY WAYNE RAPER

Good Afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone connected with  
Altrincham for today's Vanarama National League North match.

After two large crowds for the first two games at Blackwell Meadows the numbers have dropped recently, both games being sub 2,000. Whilst this is no doubt an increase from the crowds we'd experienced at Heritage Park, it would be great if we could break that 2,000 barrier on a regular basis. Match day revenue makes up a huge portion of the Club's income and bringing a friend or two who might not have been to a game for a while makes the world of difference in running a successful club. Please do what you can to entice fans new and old to Blackwell Meadows.

### VOLUNTEERING

As always the Football Club need additional matchday operatives – the move to Blackwell has meant we need additional bodies to comply with safety regulations. At the moment the Club are paying an external security company to supply the necessary staff which is an obvious drain on finance. The Club is looking for stewards to work the car park before and after the game, no qualifications are necessary for these roles and you will still be able to watch the full game as the car park closes 30 minutes before kick-off and opens 15 minutes after full-time. In addition SIA licensed door persons are needed for the bar entrance. Anyone willing to help out, even on casual basis should get in touch with me by email at wayne.raper@dfcsg.co.uk

### 1,000+ DFCSG MEMBERS

A couple of weeks ago we reached a fantastic milestone for DFCSG when we recruited our 1,000th member of the season, which is a fantastic achievement. Nine years old Braith Taylor was our 1,000th member and to celebrate the occasion, we refunded Braith's membership

subscription. Our membership has continued to grow and currently stands at 1,005.

### SUPPORTERS DIRECT MEDIA BRIEFINGS

We receive regular media briefings from Supporters Direct and an item that caught my eye was the one about the reported losses made by Forest Green Rovers, which was posted by 'Gloucestershire Live' on 2nd February:

"Forest Green Rovers made a loss of nearly £2.5 million for the year ending April 30 2016, the club's accounts have revealed. The losses of £2,469,374 are down on the previous year when a loss of £2,928,709 was recorded but mean in the last two years the overall losses are in excess of £5.3million

"The profit and loss account shows that Rovers had a turnover of £1,097,821 for the year, the vast majority of which came from matchday revenue (£656,608). The club's wage bill for the year was an eye-popping £2,146,999 – an increase of £219,624 on the previous season. The figure in excess of £2.1million is the largest wage bill the club have ever recorded and represents an increase of nearly half a million from 2014.

"As in all accounts posted at Companies House, a statement about the long-term viability of the club as a going concern is made. The accounts show net liabilities of more than £5million – virtually all of which is down to "amounts owed to group undertakings."

"The statement reads:

"Notwithstanding net current liabilities of £5,028,935 the Directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis which is considered

to be appropriate for the following reasons. The majority of current liabilities are owed to fellow Group companies and Group management have no intention of calling in these debts."

"In November last year, gloucestershirelive.co.uk reported that Ecotricity – the club's overall owners – had pumped in nearly £5million to the club. Ecotricity hold 87 per cent of the club's shares, the total book value of which, according to the latest annual return is £10,276,940. Rovers' wage bill in excess of £2.1million was almost certainly the highest of any club in the National League."

The certainly puts into context the finances of Darlington Football Club as reported at the recent AGM and the challenges which lie ahead to return to the Football League!

Speaking of the AGM, all of the resolutions proposed were passed including the playing name change from Darlington 1883 back to our rightful name of Darlington. Over 600 DFCSG members voted on the proposal with over 98% voting in favour. The figures have been presented to the FA and the Football Club await further instructions which will likely be a meeting in London. We cross our fingers and await the outcome. Also rubber stamped was the removal of pre-emption rights for a share issue which will allow DFCSG exclusive rights to buy shares in the Club to continue the strategy of obtaining a 90% capital shareholding which could allow tax benefits for future fundraising. DFCSG have already taken up the option to buy £20,000 of shares as agreed at the DFCSG AGM in November.

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# LOOKING *Back*

In every programme, we look back to the efforts of our club historian, Frank Twedde. This week, we update his contribution to the programme for the home game against Mansfield on 28th January 2006, a game that we won 4-0 with goals by Kyle Lafferty, Akpo Sodje, Matt Clarke and Shelton Martis.



## 1995-96

### DARLINGTON 1 PRESTON NORTH END 2

Division 3 attendance 2599

We lined up for our fourth home league game in January 21 years ago with second placed Preston North End as our visitors. Paul Newell, signed from Barnet the day before, made his debut in goal after David Lucas had returned to the visitors following his six match loan spell, while the home fans were able to see another glimpse of big striker Steve McMahon recently returned from two years playing in China for Foshan. Preston included current Sunderland manager David Moyes in their line up with Finnish keeper Teuvo Moilanen in goal, who was to play for us on loan the following season. Gary Himsworth gave us the lead midway through the first half and we held on to that advantage until eight minutes from time when Lee Cartwright headed an equaliser. Worse was to follow five minutes later when Andy Crosby brought Kevin Kilbane down in the box and Andy Saville blasted home the resultant penalty to give the visitors all 3 points.

Team: Newall, Shaw, Barnard, Appleby, Crosby, Gaughan, Himsworth, Olsson (sub Blake 87) Painter, McMahon, Bannister.

## 1985-86

### BURY 0 DARLINGTON 1

Division 3 attendance 2613

We had not had a home game since Boxing Day because of the bad weather but were making our third away trip of the new year down to face Bury at Gigg Lane. Peter Robinson returned to the starting line up after almost four months out injured and young David Woodcock came in for Malcolm Poskett who had been transferred to Stockport County. Both sides were struggling to avoid the dreaded bottom four relegation places and neither had won since the turn of the year, so, as could be expected, it was a bit of a dour struggle and half time was reached goal less.

The only goal of the game came in the 54th minute and fortunately it was for the Quakers when Gary MacDonald notched his tenth of the season to give us our third away win of the campaign and set us off on a 13 match unbeaten run which did not end until late April!

Team: Barber, Evans, Morgan, Tupling, Green, Lloyd, Robinson, Woodcock, Airery, MacDonald, McLean.

## 1975-76

### NORTHAMPTON TOWN 3 DARLINGTON 2

Division 4 attendance 5135

We made the journey down to Northampton Town's old three sided County Ground (where cricket was also played) to face the 'Cobblers' lying second in the table and unbeaten at home in a dozen league games. Billy Coulson made his Darlington debut on loan from Southend United with Eddie Rowles being preferred up front to Paddy Lowery. The home side stormed into a three goal lead by half time with goals from Stuart Robertson and two from big Jim Hall, the prolific former Peterborough marksman and it looked as though we would be heading for a heavy defeat.

However the resilient Quakers looked a different side in the second period and clawed two goals back through substitute Steve Holbrook and Stan Webb but just couldn't manage to find that elusive equaliser. So Northampton took the points to go top of the table but at least we returned north with some pride having given them a real run for their money!

Team: Ogley, Crosson, Cochrane, Cowan, Craig, Nattress, Cattrell (sub Holbrook) Sinclair, Webb, Coulson, Rowles.





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## TOMORROW'S STARS



Today we have the first of three scheduled visits from some of Darlington FC's very own youth teams. Here we may well have heroes of the future. The age group we welcome today are the U-7s. They are separated into two teams, so here is the low down on both:

Darlington U-7s Quakers are managed by Brad Blythe (who the eagle eyed among you may recognise...) They are enjoying a brilliant season in the TJFA league having only lost three games to date. Alfie Glancey is scoring lots of goals to help his team mates win matches. Great assets too are Miller Shield and Jack Parry, they along with Aiden Nicholson do the creative work. But any team needs defenders and Apo Bakan, Zac Reeve and Harry Ryder prove to be very solid! Last of all is keeper and captain Finley Cole.

Darlington U-7s Feethams are managed by Martin Williamson who are becoming a great team under the watchful eye of Martin who has continued to improve the team as the season goes on. The team have had some great results in the past couple of months with Kai Martin and Joe Webster supplying a lot of the goals. But they wouldn't be as successful without the supply chain down the wings supplied by

Alva Williamson, Tobias Slade and Jack Cameron. As with the Quakers team though Feethams rely on their defence consisting of solid players Mason Theaker and Oscar Thornber who by all accounts are very difficult to navigate past. In goal birthday boy Grayson Hardy-Toase has become a solid keeper in the past couple of months, helping his team reduce the number of goals conceded.

The Community Team hope all the boys here today have a fantastic time, giving them an insight into what the future could hold for them and encouraging them to support the first team as their journey continues.

Have a great day boys!!



**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ANDREW AND HIS TEAM, CONTACT HIM AT [ANDREW.ALTON@DARLINGTONFC.ORG](mailto:ANDREW.ALTON@DARLINGTONFC.ORG) OR ON 07837816646.**

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**HALF-TIME TEASER** Buxton/Marine/Stourbridge/Rushall Olympic

**SECOND HALF - SPORTING KNOWLEDGE** 13. Bamber (Bridge) Gascoigne 14. Halifax (Town) 15. Ashington 16. Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band 17. Matlock (Town) 18. Dunston (UTS) 19. Worcestershire (Worcester City) 20. Bradford Park Avenue 21. Buxton 22. Leslie Grantham (Town) 23. Stourbridge 24. South Shields



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I've got a moral dilemma on my hands. I'm one of the biggest fans you'll find of the FA Cup. Yes still, despite its glaringly obvious issues. I'll defend my old friend to anyone who will listen. Even those who don't I'll still set straight!

But I'm also a firm believer that a football manager at any level of the game in any fixture that his side plays in, should not have to tolerate being told who he should or shouldn't field. By the fans, the board, the press or by the competition themselves.

The main culprits of course are those behind the awful Check-a-Trade Trophy. Who are the EFL to demand half the side which started in their previous game play in their-now spectacularly tinpot tournament?

Especially when last summer in their wisdom they invited Premier League kids' teams to take part. Apparently it's all about the big guns getting some game time into their up-and-coming talent, but League One and Two clubs' prospects do not matter – there were fines everywhere you look.

But my belief that bosses cannot be bossed about didn't stop my sense of annoyance last weekend. When three Championship clubs are resting ten players each, we have a problem.

It started nice and early, Liverpool's team sheet dropped just before midday. Or should I say Liverpool's U23 team sheet.

BT Sport picked their home game with Wolves, despite Jurgen Klopp pulling the same stunt he had in the third round by selecting a Liverpool side that hardly anybody had heard of. Surely, it had to be Lincoln City v Brighton? They know it and two of the BBC's big names got involved on twitter, albeit missing the point with Gary Lineker and Dan Walker attempting to calm things down.

"We tried to switch matches and cover Lincoln live, but the FA said no" they belloped on Twitter.

The FA Cup doesn't need saving, it needs help. Mainly from the Premier League and the Football League. It also needs a Champions League place for the winners and respectful,

non-rating chasing TV picks.

If they want strong sides put out, under no circumstances must there be a full programme of league fixtures on the following Tuesday. It just can't happen.

I was asked if Leeds United and Brighton's team selections diminished our clubs' achievements. Diminished, no. But you can't get the nagging thought out of your mind that if they had taken it seriously then Non-League interest in the Cup would probably, realistically, be over.

Question is, should we actually be bothered by it? If we want more big clubs beaten and the nation's favourite pastime of cheering home the underdog to be more of a regular thing then should we be welcoming their disregard for the competition?

Sutton and Lincoln will both make £500,000 on fifth round day. Good on them. The Non-League clubs are the only thing keeping anyone interested in the FA Cup this year.



## Vanarama National League North 2016-17

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	<b>AFC Fylde</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>+39</b>
2	Salford City	28	15	8	5	58	27	53	+31
3	Kidderminster	26	16	5	5	48	22	53	+26
4	Chorley	27	14	9	4	41	23	51	+18
5	Stockport County	28	14	8	6	44	31	50	+13
6	FC Halifax Town	27	14	6	7	58	36	48	+22
7	<b>Darlington</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>+17</b>
8	Tamworth	28	14	5	9	48	48	47	0
9	Harrogate Town	28	12	6	10	48	40	42	+8
10	Gloucester City	27	13	3	11	46	42	42	+4
11	Brackley	24	11	8	5	37	28	41	+9
12	Curzon Ashton	28	9	7	12	41	53	34	-12
13	FC United of Manchester	28	8	9	11	43	45	33	-2
14	Nuneaton	27	8	8	11	37	43	32	-6
15	Boston United	28	8	8	12	38	54	32	-10
16	Alfreton	26	8	5	13	51	64	29	-13
17	Gainsborough Trinity	28	7	8	13	40	56	29	-16
18	Worcester City	28	6	10	12	34	40	28	-6
19	AFC Telford United	27	6	9	12	25	32	27	-7
20	Bradford Park Avenue	28	7	4	17	27	55	25	-28
21	Stalybridge Celtic	27	4	3	20	24	62	15	-38
22	Altrincham	28	1	6	21	25	68	9	-43

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	27		2	1	12	
Gary Brown	23	1	3		3	
Kevin Burgess	22	1			4	
Nathan Cartman	11	14	3		4	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	10	4	3			
David Ferguson	2	1				
Terry Galbraith	27	1	3		8	1
Josh Gillies	23	2	2		9	
Liam Hardy	12	9	2	1	7	1
Chris Hunter	7	2	2	1		
Peter Jameson	22					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	23		3			
Jack McClaren						
Adam Mitchell	5	6			1	
Lewis Nightingale		1				
Adam Nowakowski	2	4				
Tom Portas	8	2	1			
Amar Purewal	1	5		1	1	1
Harvey Saunders		2				
Leon Scott	14	6	2	1		
David Syers	5	9	1	1	5	
Stephen Thompson	24	2	1	2	4	1
Phil Turnbull	26		1	1	1	
Lewis Walker	1					
Jordan Watson	7	2	1			
Arran Wearmouth						
Ed Wilczynski	2					
Paul Woolston	3		1			
own goals					1	

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### Season's Stats



*Last match*



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Scorers Names in **BOLD**

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

## FIXTURES & RESULTS 2016/17

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2016	VERSUS			R	S	ATT																
Sat Aug 6th	Altrincham	A	3.00	2-2	1506	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Scott	Purewal	Cartman	Gillies	Now'ski	Portas	Hardy	Bell	Night'le	
Sat Aug 13th	Boston United	H	3.00	4-1	1435	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Mitchell	Bell	Now'ski	
Mon Aug 15th	Curzon Ashton	A	7.45	2-1	482	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Scott	Purewal	Night'le	Bell	Cartman	
Sun Aug 21st	Gloucester City	A	3.00	2-1	665	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Cartman	Scott	Bell	Mitchell	
Wed Aug 24th	Chorley	H	7.45	2-0	1543	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Thomp'n	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski	
Sat Aug 27th	Alfreton	H	3.00	3-4	1349	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies2	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Purewal	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski	
Mon Aug 29th	FC United of Manchester	A	7.45	3-2	2731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Bell	
Fri Sep 2nd	Kidderminster Harriers	H	7.45	0-1	1731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Hunter	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Portas	Now'ski	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Purewal	
Wed Sep 7th	Stockport County	H	7.45	2-1	1730	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Cartman	Bell	Purewal	
Sat Sep 10th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-1	655	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Gillies	Now'ski	Brown	Cartman	Bell	
Wed Sep 14th	Bradford Park Avenue	A	7.45	2-1	611	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Now'ski	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Cartman	Mitchell	Hardy	Scott	Purewal	H Scott	Robi'son	
Sat Sep 17th	FA Cup 20R Lancaster City	A	3.00	1-2	580	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Purewal	Thomp'n	Hunter	Mitchell	Now'ski	
Sat Sep 24th	Stalybridge Celtic	H	3.00	4-1	1231	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Now'ski	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy2	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Mitchell	Jameson	Purewal	
Sat Oct 8th	Brackley Town	A	3.00	2-2	642	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Mitchell	Cartman	Davey	Jameson	Smith	
Sat Oct 15th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	3.00	5-2	1424	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Burgess	Syers	Cartman	Bell	Davie	
Sat Oct 22nd	Worcester City	H	3.00	5-1	1479	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown2	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson	
Sat Oct 29th	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	4-1	2172	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Davie	
Sat Nov 5th	Tamworth	A	3.00	1-2	914	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson	
Sat Nov 12th	AFC Fylde	H	3.00	1-1	2001	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Watson	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Hardy	
Sat Nov 19th	AFC Telford United	A	3.00	0-2	1136	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Scott	
Sun Nov 27th	Marine FATrophy 3r	H	3.00	2-2	743	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Hunter	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Watson	
Sat Dec 3rd	Salford City	H	3.00	2-2	1996	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Hunter	
Tues Dec 6th	Marine FA Trophy 3r replay A		7.45	2-3	308	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Syers	Hunter	Brown	Scott	Falk'ham	Hardy	Cartman	Gillies	Beck	Thomp'n	Turnbull	Bell	Milburn	
Sat Dec 17th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	1-2	1710	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Bell	Hunter	Cartman	Falk'ham	
Mon Dec 26th	FC Halifax Town	H	3.00	3-2	3000	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Falk'ham	Hardy	Syers	Hunter	Bell	
Sun Jan 1st	FC Halifax Town	A	3.00	2-2	2511	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Falk'ham	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell	
Sat Jan 7th	Nuneaton Town	H	3.00	1-2	2313	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Sau'ders	Syers	Bell	Falk'ham	
Sat Jan 14th	Gloucester City	H	3.00	2-0	1837	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Walker	Gillies	Syers	Cartman	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Sau'ders	
Sat Jan 21st	Stockport County	A	3.00	3-3	3649	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Ferg'son	Syers	Falk'ham	Walker	Wil'ski	
Sat Jan 28th	Curzon Ashton	H	3.00	1-3	1761	Wil'ski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Ferg'son	Gillies	Falk'ham	Syers	Cartman	Jameson	Sau'ders	
Sat Feb 4th	Chorley	A	3.00	1-1	1387	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Gillies	Galbr'ith	Sau'ders	Jameson	Blackford	
Sat Feb 11th	Altrincham	H	<div>AWAY TRAVEL</div> <p>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.</p> <p>Our next scheduled away trips are to Boston United on Saturday 18 February and Worcester City on Saturday 4 March. The coach to Boston will depart at 10am and the fare will be £25. The coach to Bromsgrove (which is where Worcester City play) will depart at 9.45am and the fare will also be £25.</p> <p>However, there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult. To book a seat ring Glen on 07376 368553. Please note that this is Glen's new number and the old one has been discontinued, so don't forget to update your contacts list.</p> <p>Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website</p>																			
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Adam  
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Mark Bell	
Jack Blackford	
Gary Brown	
Kevin Burgess	
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David Ferguson	
Terry Galbraith	
Josh Gillies	
Chris Hunter	
Peter Jameson	
Liam Marrs	
Dale Milburn	
Tom Portas	
Leon Scott	
David Syers	
Stephen Thompson	
Phil Turnbull	
Ed Wilczynski	



## ALTRINCHAM

Tim Deasy	
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Andy McWilliams	
Jake Moulton	
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Referee: Matthew Diccio

Assistant referees: James Simpson and Christopher Keightley

## Next home games:

Saturday 25th February  
Harrogate Town, kick off 3pm

Saturday 18th March  
Brackley, kick off 3pm

## Next away games:

Saturday 18th February  
Boston United, kick off 3pm  
Saturday 4th March  
Worcester City, kick off 3pm

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## Today's other games:

AFC Fylde v AFC Telford United,  
Alfreton v Stockport County, Bradford PA v Gainsborough, FC Halifax Town v Nuneaton, FC United of Manchester v Chorley, Gloucester City v Salford City, Harrogate Town v Worcester City, Kidderminster v Curzon Ashton, Tamworth v Brackley

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Darlington Youth Under 7s, who include **Grayson Hardy-Toase** who is celebrating his 6th birthday.

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