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FROM THE  
*dugout*

*Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the game.*

I've written these notes before the away game against Alfreton on Saturday, but hopefully we have come through that game with all three points to keep us firmly in the play off positions.

I thought we played some very good football in our last home game against Tamworth, and our third goal was an outstanding team goal that was well created from start to finish from the halfway line, and was well taken.

The players have given a huge amount of effort all season both on the pitch and in training, and that was demonstrated with that third goal. It isn't easy to score a goal like that at this level, and I believe is one of the goals of the season.

The players and the management team are striving very hard to make sure that we finish in the play off positions, and we believe that we can gain enough points over the last four matches to make sure that we can.

It won't be easy – nothing is in this league – but I'm sure that with everyone's great support, then we'll get there.

Enjoy the game

*Martin*



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

# CAPTAIN Kev

## HELLO!

We're looking for another good win this afternoon!

Because of my suspension, I watched the Tamworth game from the balcony, and just like you, I thoroughly enjoyed the win. It was a brilliant game to watch.

I thought that our third goal was our best so far this season – it was like watching Barcelona! It was pass, pass, pass, until Carts put the ball in. I thought every single one of our attacking players were on point, they all had a great game.

We need to keep on producing performances like that to stay in touch with the play off places, and we're well capable of it. In many ways, we're in a similar situation to last season when we needed to keep winning matches in order to keep the pressure on the clubs around us.

The two goals we conceded were a bit disappointing, especially the second one, but we're well capable of putting that right and winning all of our remaining matches. The outcome of this campaign could go all the way to the last game of the season at Salford.

I watched the Tamworth game with Tom Portas, who is now steadily recovering from his injury after some time on crutches. He should be back to full fitness by the start of next season, he'll be a massive player for us!

Enjoy the game, and let's hope for another three points!

Kev



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Captain's Notes



**"I THOUGHT  
THAT OUR  
THIRD GOAL  
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SEASON"**



# Coming to town...

## FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER



*FC United of Manchester is a fan-owned club that has made great progress in the last twelve years since it was formed, starting at a low level in the national system and working its way up -- just like Quakers. Simon Hahn has been doing some research*

### FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER - THEIR SEASON SO FAR

After finishing in 13th place in their first season at this level in 2015/16, they are again set for a mid-table finish this time around. They struggled at the start of the season only winning two of their first 12 games. They won four out of five games during a spell in November and December which moved them away from any possible danger.

This season has been one for consolidation for FC United who have sat in between 11th and 18th since the opening weeks of the season. They recently completed a double over Kidderminster Harriers, but aside from that they have struggled against those at the top of the table. They travel to Blackwell Meadows in good form having won four and only losing two of their last eight games. Their recent good run has left them in 14th place in the league table.

### LAST SEVEN GAMES

15/04/2017 Brackley (h)  
08/04/2017 Bradford Park Avenue (A) Drew 0-0  
01/04/2017 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Drew 2-2  
27/03/2017 Curzon Ashton (A) Won 2-1  
25/03/2017 Halifax (H) Lost 3-0  
18/03/2017 Alfreton (A) Lost 2-1  
11/03/2017 Tamworth (H) Won 1-0

### LAST SIX SEASONS

2015/16 National League North - Points 53  
Position 13th  
2014/15 Northern Premier League Premier -  
Points 92 Position 1st (Promoted)  
2013/14 Northern Premier League Premier -  
Points 96 Position 2nd  
2012/13 Northern Premier League Premier -  
Points 83 Position 3rd  
2011/12 Northern Premier League Premier -  
Points 72 Position 6th  
2010/11 Northern Premier League Premier -  
Points 76 Position 4th

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### FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER 2016/17 STATS

- Have taken more points on the road than at home – 25 points
- Struggled to score in the first 15 minutes of the second half – two goals
- George Thomson is the top scorer – 12 goals
- Second highest average attendance in the league – 2585
- Have sat mid table since fourth match – 11th-18th in the table
- Scored plenty of late goals – ten after the 85th minute
- Only two victories over top five teams – Kidderminster x2

### THEIR LAST MATCH

#### Bradford PA 0-0 FC United of Manchester

FC United drew 0-0 with Bradford Park Avenue in a typical end of season match between two teams that had very little to play for.

17 year old Ryan Schofield started in goal for FC United, an emergency loan signing from Championship club Huddersfield Town. He was the busier of the two goalkeepers in the first half, but neither team had many shots on target.

In fact FC United had just one on target all game. Tomi Adedoye forced keeper Jon Worsnop into a routine save midway through the first half after good build up from Martin Wolfenden. Earlier striker Chris Sharp smashed one over the bar for Avenue and Nicky Wroe curled a decent effort wide of the post.

Into the second half and Tom Greaves had United's best chance, but he failed to make a good connection from Dale Tonge's cross.

For Bradford their best chance came following a mix up in the visitors defence. Aiden Chippendale found himself with an open goal, but tried to walk it in rather than shooting allowing a defender to get back and save the day.

In the closing minutes FC United had two final chances to snatch victory. Greaves' effort was deflected over and from that corner Luke Ashworth headed was off target in what proved to be the final action of the game.

FC United of Manchester – Schofield, Tonge, Chantler, Kay, Fagbola, Ashworth, Wolfenden(Gilchrist), Lowe, Greaves, Wright(Sheridan), Adedoye(Thomson)





# Coming to town...

## FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER



### TOM GREAVES - FAN FAVOURITE

Broke FC United fans hearts back in 2012 when he scored the winning goal for Bradford Park Avenue in the last minute of extra time in the play-off final. He has been top scorer for the last three seasons and was named in the 2014-15 Evo-Stik league side of the year. A firm fans' favourite now!

### JEROME WRIGHT - CAPTAIN



He is the Club captain and United's record appearance maker with 364 games for the club at the start of the season. His pace and ability to make things happen on the

left flank, mean that 'United's own' is a key member of the team.

### GEORGE THOMSON - TOP SCORER



After a successful loan spell from Chester FC, during which time he established as a firm fans' favourite, the talented midfielder was signed on a permanent basis in January 2016. He previously played for Kings Lynn Town before joining Chester FC. George scored a number of crucial goals last season and is the club's current top scorer this campaign.

### KARL MARGINSON - MANAGER



Marginson has been an ever present at FC United after being the only ever manager at the club from June 2005 to present. As a player he played for Blackpool, Rotherham United and Macclesfield Town in the Football League along with a string of non-

league sides. His most successful spell being with Macclesfield where he won the FA Trophy at Wembley as well as winning the Conference title.

He has been in charge of over 400 games for FC United of Manchester with a win percentage of just under 50%. Marginson has led them all the way from the North West Counties League to the second level of non-league football.

### SQUAD

Manager: Karl Marginson

Goalkeepers: Ryan Schofield, David Carnell

Defenders: Luke Ashworth, Chris Chantler, Jordan Fagbola, Dale Tonge, Jake Williams, Sam Sheridan

Midfielders: George Thomson, Scott Kay, Nathan Lowe, Matthew Wolfenden

Forwards: Tom Greaves, Jason Gilchrist, Jerome Wright, Tomi Adenle

### FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER - KEY MOMENTS

- Set up in 2005 amidst Malcolm Glazer's takeover of Manchester United
- First two seasons saw back-to-back promotions through the North West Counties divisions
- Beat Skelmersdale United in Evo-Stik Division One North play-off final to make it three promotions in a row
- In 2010/11 reached FA Cup second round after beating Rochdale in round one
- Lost in the play-offs for four successive years in Evo-Stik Premier before winning the league in 2014/15
- Moved to own ground at Broadhurst Park in 2015

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## *Last time we met*

**29TH AUGUST 2016**

**FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER 2 DARLINGTON 3**

It was a very enjoyable day on our first visit to Broadhurst Park, the recently-built £6 million home of fan-owned FC United, and Quakers collected a superb three points thanks to a well taken matchwinner by Nathan Cartman.

We could have had the points in our pockets before half time if we had taken all our chances in a terrific atmosphere..

Liam Hardy put us in front when he quickly controlled a great diagonal ball by Stephen Thompson, and slotted the ball past the keeper, and Thommo made it 2-0 when Mark Beck and Liam combined well and set him up to fire right footed across the keeper.

We dominated the first half, so it came as a bit of a shock when FC United pulled a goal back before half time with a delicate long range chip by Jason Gilchrist.

In a terrific atmosphere, FC picked up the momentum in the second half and levelled

on 66 minutes with a low shot by George Thomson.

But Quakers bounced back, and Nathan Cartman sent his fellow sub Amar Purewal racing down the left. Amar pulled the ball back into the middle where the ball was cleared as far as Nathan, who hit a right foot shot that took a deflection and looped over the stranded keeper – not that we were grumbling about the stroke of good luck!

### **Darlington**

**Jameson, Marrs , Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Thompson (sub Cartman 70 mins), Scott, Beck, Hardy (sub Purewal 58 mins), Gillies (sub Mitchell 45 mins)**

**Subs: Bell, Nowakowski**

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**MARCH 29TH 2017****DARLINGTON 1  
BRADFORD PA 0**

Teenage substitute Harvey Saunders scored his first ever home goal in memorable style with a late winner against Bradford PA.

Harvey had only been on the field for two minutes as a sub for Liam Marrs, when he pounced a few yards out to lash in the winner and put Quakers joint third in the table.

It was the perfect response for Quakers, who had scrambled a last minute equaliser at Gainsborough a few days previous.

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

But Quakers had a let off when Shane Killock fired a shot from a corner towards goal and Liam Marrs just managed to scramble the ball off the line, then Wayne Brooksby headed the follow up wide.

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

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

But Quakers had to be careful about the Bradford counter attack, and sub Oli Johnson created space well for himself and hit a powerful right foot shot that Bartlett pushed around the post with a flying save.

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

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

Bradford piled men forward, and in one scramble, Ferguson made an excellent last ditch tackle to prevent a goal but they held on for a clean sheet and a place in the play off positions.

**STATS:**

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

Subs: Wilczynski, Hunter, Scott

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

Subs: Toulson, Hall

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**ACTION FROM THE  
BRADFORD GAME**

**THE MAGIC NUMBERS:**

2 – the number of goals that Harvey Saunders had scored for the club up to that point

11 – the number of goals that Quakers have scored in the last ten minutes of league matches this season up to that point

42 – the number of goals that Quakers have scored at home this season up to that point

1625 – Quakers' average attendance this season up to that point



## FROM THE *Boardroom:*

RICHARD COOK

Following on from our request for information about trouble caused by a small number of fans at the AFC Fylde match, we would like to thank everyone who provided us with statements, videos and images of events that day. As a result, the Board of Darlington Football Club has banned two individuals from attending matches at Blackwell Meadows until further notice.

We have photographs of those two individuals and will be instructing our stewards not to allow them access to the ground. We have also provided information to the Police in order that they can consider what further formal action might be appropriate. We are working closely with Durham Constabulary who are assisting Lancashire Police with the post-match investigation and subsequent action, and pending a decision from those two Police forces, we will not be publically disclosing the individuals' names.

We believe that we have evidence of an individual

who threw a full container of liquid at the Fylde goalkeeper, and we have asked the Police to investigate this. We have also obtained photographs of individuals who we believe were underage and consuming alcohol. These images have been passed to Police as part of our policy of sharing all relevant information with them.

In respect of incidents that occurred at the Altrincham and FCUM matches earlier this season, we can now report that two adult police cautions were issued by Police, in relation to persons entering the playing area and the area adjacent to it, and one national football banning order was issued by the courts to an individual involved in football related disorder. The persons concerned were attending fixtures claiming to be Darlington fans.

We are now working with the Darlington FC Supporters Group to determine ways that we can minimise as best we can the attendance at away matches of those intent on

causing trouble.

As a fan-owned club, we will not tolerate behaviour which brings our name into disrepute, and we are committed to taking action wherever we have evidence. We will also share information with the Police so that criminal proceedings can be considered.

On another matter, there has been some great initial reaction to the publication of our commercial brochure as a hard copy and on the official website.

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**8TH APRIL 2017**

## DARLINGTON 3 TAMWORTH 2

Quakers scored one of the best goals of the season in the 3-2 home win over Tamworth at Blackwell Meadows.

We took the lead after 5 minutes, when Terry Galbraith rose high at the near post to head a long throw from Gary Brown past Tamworth keeper Dan Jezeph for his 10th goal of the season.

But Tamworth equalised with their first real chance on 13 minutes when Dan Newton picked up a long ball from Jezeph, held off Brown, and beat Adam Bartlett with a low left foot shot.

Quakers were denied by Jezeph on three occasions as they tried to regain the lead, but they went back in front on 40 minutes. Chris Hunter's deep cross from the right was cleared only as far as Stephen Thompson, who controlled the ball well on his chest, and then neatly volleyed across the keeper into the top corner from six yards out.

At the start of the second half it was nearly 3-1 when David Syers burst into the box and set up Beck, whose left shot was well saved by Jezeph.

And in Quakers next attack from the left, Gillies played a 1-2 with Syers, and Jezeph was in the right place on the line to hold on to the ball.

Quakers deservedly went 3-1 up on 53 minutes with one of their best goals of the season. Syers cleverly backheeled the ball into the path of David Ferguson who ran into the box and found Nathan Cartman, who played a 1-2 with Mark Beck before knocking the ball home.

Tamworth pulled a goal back on 66 minutes when a low corner came in from the right, and Ross Dyer, on the corner of the six yard box, flicked the ball past Bartlett.

Tamworth nearly equalised when Brandon Fox turned on the corner of the box and curled a right foot shot towards the top corner, and Bartlett just managed to fingertip the ball over the top.

Quakers nearly made it 4-2 on 73 minutes, with Thompson very unlucky not to score. He picked the ball up inside his own half, ran at the Tamworth defence to the edge of the box where he had a shot charged down – Quakers appealed for handball in vain – but he kept possession, lobbed the keeper, and the ball struck the crossbar.

### STATS:

Darlington: Bartlett, Hunter, Ferguson, Turnbull, Galbraith, Brown, Thompson (sub Saunders 90), Syers, Beck, Cartman (sub Scott 90), Gillies (sub Wearmouth 75)

Subs not used: Wilczinski, Marrs

Tamworth: Jezeph, Burns, Morley, Deeney, Jones, Lane, Taylor (sub Powell 46), Ben Fox, Newton, Styche (sub Brandon Fox 46), Dyer

Subs: Green, Clarke, Davies

Booking: Styche, Deeney

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STEPHEN THOMPSON ABOUT TO SCORE V TAMWORTH

### THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

11 – the number of goals that Quakers have scored in the last five minutes and stoppage time of the first half during this season

12 – the number of home wins this season up to that point -- 6 at Heritage Park and 6 at Blackwell Meadows

45 – the number of goals scored at home this season -- 28 at Heritage Park, 17 at Blackwell Meadows

80 – the total number of goals scored this up to that point – 45 at home and 35 at away

# Where are they now?

## DON BURLURAUX

*Don Burluraux signed for Quakers from Middlesbrough in 1972, and stayed with us for three seasons, making 129 appearances and scoring 13 goals. He was one of the few outstanding players in the team in that period, when Quakers applied for re-election twice. He also featured in the David Frost Programme, a prime time TV show. He gives us a fascinating insight into life at Feethams at the time.*

*He swopped e mails with Ray Simpson.*



### Q. Which manager signed you for Darlo from Middlesbrough at the time?

A. Allan Jones was the Darlo manager when I signed. I arranged to meet him and George Tait (Chairman) after receiving a telegram from Allan saying the club were keen to sign me.

### Q. Were you out of favour completely at the Boro?

A. I'd just got back into the Boro first team – we were playing at home against Blackpool. In the first 15 minutes I was tackled roughly by their left back who was making his debut – he'd

have been red-carded these days but the game was different then and we didn't roll about and complain to the ref to try to get opposition players sent off! I suffered twisted ligaments in my ankle and damaged my achilles tendon. Specialists told me later it might have healed if it had broken and not damaged the ligaments so badly. I had a spell on loan at York where I scored my first league goal with a header – I was normally rubbish at heading the ball (had 'a head like a three-penny bit') but got lucky that day! York wanted to sign me but couldn't afford the fee at the time – then Boro then let me go on a 'free' at the end of the season and I signed for Darlo. I was never 100% fit again, probably no more than 75% fit at Darlo, finally having to pack it all in at just 24 years old. I wouldn't have passed the medical these days before I signed.

### Q. What was your logic of signing for Darlo?

A. I had chance to go to a couple of other clubs, including Chesterfield, but signed for Darlo on my 21st birthday (8th June 1972) for less money (£30

a week plus £2 a point) because I didn't want to leave the area. At the time, I lived at North Skelton with my Mam and Dad and travelled to Darlington every day to train and play but soon got tired of that – cars and roads weren't as good then as they are now. I'd been going out with my girlfriend, Jean, for about 5 years and we decided to get married (still are, 45 years on) and go to live in Newton Aycliffe, where about 5 other Darlo players lived. The house was a brand-new council home, flat-roofed and reminded me of the then hit song 'little boxes, little boxes and they're all made out of ticky tacky'. Rent was £5 a week – the club paid £3 and we paid the other £2 – good deal! Another plus was I could travel in to Feethams every day with Steve Holbrook and share the petrol money – 'car-sharing' these days.

### Q. Your first season wasn't the most memorable, that was when we lost 7-0 at Bradford City and at home to Southport.

A. I remember the 7-0 defeat at Bradford very well but for the wrong reasons – we were 4-0 down before I even got a



DAVID FROST TRAINING WITH THE DARLINGTON PLAYERS

touch of the ball! I remember the gaffer (I think it was Ralph Brand at the time) saying after the game 'we've all had bad (different words but can't print them) days like this, you've had yours today'. The following week we were at home to Southport. I'd been injured in training during the week so didn't play but I remember leaving the game early after watching for about 60 minutes from the stands, getting home and saying to Jean we were 4-0 down when I left but the way they're playing it might end up 5 or 6. I switched the telly on (Rediffusion) and the teleprinter on Grandstand started typing out results. Darlington.....0.....Southport.....7 (seven) – yes, it emphasised 'seven'! We all have bad days but we had 2 inside a week!

### Q. We changed managers regularly -- what was your opinion of what was going on?

A. While I was at Darlo, managers came and went on a regular basis. We sometimes turned up wondering who would be coaching us that morning on the training pitch! I don't know why none succeeded other than the squad just wasn't good enough at the time. Maybe the

Chairman chose the wrong people, we'll never know.

### Q. Did you feel sorry for the likes of teenage keeper Phil Owers?

Phil was a nice lad and a good young keeper. He was local and keen to do well at Darlo. Yes, I felt a bit sorry for him because he was only a youngster at the time, thrown in at the deep end. None of it was his fault, he performed well in a poor team.

### Q. After a while, did you wonder why you'd signed?

A. I knew why I'd signed for Darlo as I mentioned earlier – I didn't want to leave the area (not very ambitious, I know). But I soon knew I'd made a big mistake. Aldershot offered £15,000 to sign me while I was at Darlo but for some reason the move didn't go through. Maybe they found out about my ankle injury.

### Q. Who were your best friends in the dressing room at the time?

A. Steve Holbrook and Geoff Barker were my best mates at Darlo, both in the dressing room and socially. Steve was even my 'best man' when I got married – Geoff also came to the wedding,



GEOFF BARKER

which took place at Guisborough Registry Office (now a Wetherspoon's pub). Jean and I spent our 'honeymoon' night (Thursday) at the Post House (now the Sporting Lodge) near Stainton, then I was back training next morning in preparation for Saturday's game at Feethams. I scored in the first few minutes and, after the initial cheering, I distinctly remember hearing an individual voice from the crowd shouting, 'You should get married every bloody week Burluraux!' That's how it was in those days and I must admit it made me smile.

### Q. What was the atmosphere like behind the scenes?

A. After a promising first few weeks we struggled most of the time I played for Darlo. It became a non-stop battle to stay or get out of the re-election zone for the following three seasons. The atmosphere in the dressing room wasn't that good, we got beaten too often!

However, socially, we were all fine – most weeks a few of us enjoyed a night out for a couple of pints at the Model T pub (Mowden?) and had a drink and a game of snooker in the Cricket Club after most home games.



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## Where are they now? DON BURLURAUX

**Q. You were filmed on the Frost programme -- how did you feel having a prominent celebrity like David Frost around? How did you feel when you were interviewed?**

A. I still have a copy of the Frost Programme – we bought a video from London Weekend television which I've now put onto DVD. They sent a 'researcher' up to meet us a few days before David Frost was due to come and start filming the programme. The researcher asked if I would mind if they used our house in Newton Aycliffe to film an interview as there were a few of us living near each other – I agreed that would be ok.

The researcher had told us David was coming up on the Thursday evening so me, Steve Holbrook, Colin Sinclair, Ernie Adams and others decided to go for a couple of pints to the local workingmen's pub, the Southerne Club, for some 'Dutch courage' as we'd never been on TV before, never mind met David Frost! He was due to arrive at my house about 7pm so we'd gone to the club about 5.30pm for an hour and were enjoying a game of darts when, suddenly, the old man who sat 'on the door' came over and asked us 'are you the Darlington players?' When I replied 'Yes, why?' he asked me to go over and 'sign these two blokes in, will you?'. When I got to the door there was the great David Frost, himself, and a chap in a sheepskin coat (who turned out to be the director). I apologised and said we hadn't expected them so early (it was still only 6pm) and said we'd 'sup up and



go' but he said 'no problem, we've come to try a pint of this Newcastle Brown Ale everyone goes on about!' An hour and 2 or 3 brown ales later, with his and the sheepskin coat man's pockets stuffed with bottles of spirits and mixers, we all went back to our house for a 'party'! Well, that was the idea, and so he interviewed us all (plus our wives) while we were all (except the wives) 'well-away' with the booze – you can see it in my eyes in the show!

Next day, David joined in training and wasn't a bad player. I told him I'd seen him play a few years earlier for the 'Show Biz XI' (Tommy Steele was captain) in a testimonial match for Wilf Mannion at South Bank's ground. He remembered it well

as he said he broke a finger that day playing in goal! On the Friday evening, he and the film crew went to the Fiesta night club at Stockton – he asked me to join them (the night before Saturday's game against Cambridge!) but I had to reluctantly decline. We drew the match 3-3 and that was the last day of the filming before we said our goodbyes and I never met him again.

Some think the programme was a 'mickey-take' but David said he only wanted to show the nation what it was like at the 92nd club in the Football League, not just at the top clubs.

**What were your own personal highlights of your time at Darlo?**

I suppose winning the 'Player of the Year' award was my personal highlight at Darlo because, while I was there, we didn't win many (any!) 'big' games. The local paper (I think it was the Evening Despatch?) offered the prize – after each game they asked the opposing manager who they thought was Darlo's best player. The idea was that you got £10 for each 'man of the match' award and a prize of £250 for the outright winner. I won it after getting best player 9 times that season, so would have won £340 (10 weeks wages then). However, as a squad we had already agreed to pool the money and share it out equally, so as soon as I stepped off the stage (at the Flamingo Club) the gaffer snatched the cheque off me and we all ended up with about £40 each!

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## HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



*Chris Sykes reviews last weekend's matches*

AFC Fylde go into the Easter weekend six points clear at the top of the table, with four games to play. They fell victim to Stalybridge Celtic's late charge last weekend, losing 2-1, although Danny Rowe's strike was their 100th league goal this season.

Second placed Kidderminster also fell victim to the Stalybridge surge, losing 1-0 on Tuesday night. That result means two victories will almost certainly be enough for Fylde to win the title.

In-form FC Halifax are a point further back after taking 13 points from their last five games. They hosted leaders Fylde on Good Friday.

Salford City are fourth in the table, three points behind Halifax. Three draws and a defeat in their last five games have hampered their progress.

Darlington go into the game in fifth, with Chorley behind the Quakers on goal difference. Chorley remain in contention despite picking up just one win in their last five games.

Level on points with Darlington and Chorley are Stockport County, who've lost just once in their last 22 league games – a run stretching back to November.

Brackley Town also remain in contention for a top five place, after going unbeaten in their previous five matches, a run which has left them four points behind the top five.

Last Saturday's defeat at Blackwell Meadows all but ended Tamworth's play-off hopes. Three defeats in four have left the Lambs eight points adrift of the play-offs.

They're a point better off than Gloucester, whose defeat to Kidderminster last weekend all but ended their promotion ambitions.

After a storming run of form, Harrogate Town have started to run out of steam, picking up just one point from their last three matches.

12th-placed Curzon Ashton's season appears to be ending quietly, although they've failed to win any of their last three games.

A 1-1 draw at home to Chorley made it three straight draws for Nuneaton Town. Tommy Wright's side have long been assured of safety and sit 17 points clear of the drop.

FC United of Manchester lie 14th, below Nuneaton on goal difference, after going three games unbeaten.

Survival was mathematically assured for Boston, in Saturday's 3-0 win over AFC Telford. The Pilgrims have been beaten in just one of their last five.

Bradford Park Avenue are close to securing their National League North status, after losing only one of their last five (that defeat coming at Darlington). Park Avenue are 10 points from the relegation zone, and will have avoided the drop if they beat Tamworth on Saturday.

A point further back are 17th-placed AFC Telford. Despite losing five of their last seven, the Bucks are nine points above the relegation and look likely to be in this division next season.

They're above Alfreton Town on goal difference. Alfreton are limping towards safety, having lost their last four matches in a row.

With just one win in 21 league matches, Worcester City are firmly in relegation trouble, sitting one place and three points above the relegation zone.

Gainsborough Trinity have dropped into the bottom three after failing to win any of their last 11 league games.

Shock victories against Fylde and Kidderminster have given Stalybridge a fighting chance of survival. It's three wins in a row for Stalybridge who are five points from safety with a game in hand.

And Altrincham sit bottom of the table, having already been relegated. They've lost four in a row.



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## PICTURES FROM THE PAST



DOUGALD MCCARRISON LEAVES HARTLEPOOL UNITED DEFENDER JOHN MACPHAIL TRAILING IN HIS WAKE DURING DARLINGTON'S DEMOLITION DERBY WIN OF 1991.

QUAKERS PUT FOUR PAST POOLS AT FEETHAMS ON NOVEMBER 2, WITH ON-LOAN MCCARRISON AMONG THE SCORERS AND SO TOO WAS MACPHAIL, THE CENTRE-BACK SCORING AN OWN GOAL.

YOUNG STRIKER LEE ELLISON WAS ON TARGET TWICE IN THE FIXTURE, PLAYED IN FRONT OF 5,041, WHICH MARKED A BAPTISM OF FIRE FOR MCCARRISON.

IT WAS HIS FIRST GAME ON LOAN FROM CELTIC, AND HE WOULD GO ON TO PLAY SIX MATCHES IN HIS MONTH AT FEETHAMS, BRINGING THE CURTAIN DOWN ON HIS STAY BY SCORING IN A 3-1 WIN OVER FULHAM DURING WHICH HE WAS ALSO SENT OFF FOR KICKING A PLAYER FROM BEHIND.

THE TEAM AGAINST HARTLEPOOL WAS: PRUDHOE, MCJANNET, COOK, PICKERING, SMITH, GILL, HAMILTON, TOMAN, ELLISON, MCCARRISON, TAIT.





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# STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

## FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which former state of the Soviet Union has its capital city in Tbilisi?
2. Who directed the Wallace and Grommit series of films?
3. How many years of marriage are celebrated by your ruby anniversary?
4. Which car manufacturer used to produce a model called the 'Senator'?
5. Which of the Cumbrian lakes did Donald Campbell use for several water speed record attempts?
6. What essentially is Welsh Rarebit?
7. In which US city did the first MacDonald's open in 1954?
8. Which animal's name means "Man of the Woods" in the Malay language?
9. Which cocktail is a mixture of champagne and stout, usually Guinness?
10. Invented by Jacques Cousteau, how is self contained underwater breathing apparatus better known?
11. Which cities are at each end of the M5 motorway?
12. Transport: Which device was invented by Percy Shaw in 1934 to improve road safety?

## HALF-TIME TEASER WHAT A SEASON!

**A question about our championship-winning season in the Evo-Stik Premier League. Have you forgotten already?**

Which player lasted only the first eight minutes of the new season before leaving the field with a nasty head injury?

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ON  
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## SECOND HALF – SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

13. For which team did Damon Hill win the Formula 1 World Championship in 1996?
14. Which professional football club is situated furthest east in England?
15. In which Olympic swimming discipline do competitors start in the water?
16. Who had dealings with Matthew Simmons at a London football ground in 1995?
17. Which Premier League club was formerly known as Dial Square?
18. At which racecourse is the Irish Grand National held each year?
19. For which Italian Serie A club did Paul Gascoigne play in the 90s?
20. In which athletics' event did Kelly Sotherton win gold in Athens, 2004?
21. What is the name of the major trophy in baseball?
22. Which was the first British football club to win a European trophy?
23. Which sporting event took place for the first time in Louisville, USA in 1875?
24. Which of Quakers' opponents this season are nicknamed The Coasters?

PLAYER  
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**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

*In the latest of his Memory Match series, Simon Weatherill looks at the fundraising game against Southampton on 18th April 1982.*

Another year, and another financial crisis at Darlington Football Club. This particular year was 1982, and although the Quakers had experienced many financial problems during their 99 year history, this one was so severe that it threatened the very existence of the football club. At the club's AGM in November, record losses of £48,000 were reported from the previous season, bringing the club's total debt to £74,000. It was also reported that the club were losing over £800 per week, but chairman Leslie Moore insisted that there was no cash crisis. Things became considerably worse in December and January however, when bad weather took hold. Three consecutive home games were postponed which meant that no money was coming in through the turnstiles. The problem reached crisis point at the end of January, when a special press conference was called at Feethams and Moore announced that if £50,000 wasn't raised within the next six weeks the club would fold. They were now

£95,000 in debt and had zero cash available to pay any of their bills. (The weekly wage bill was £4,000).

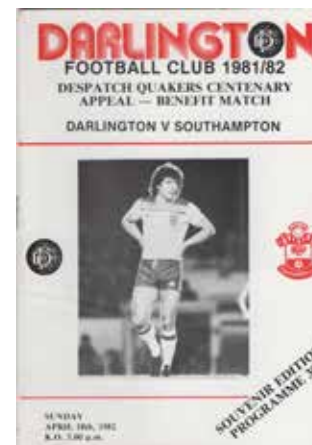
As often happens in situations like that the football community rallied round with offers of help. South Shields FC were the first club to chip in with a cheque for £100. Sunderland were next on the phone, offering to send their first team for a money raising friendly. They visited Feethams on March 2nd and a crowd of 5518 paid receipts of £5400. The attendance included the Sunderland players, who manager Alan Durban insisted pay to get in through the turnstiles!

Southampton, managed by Lawrie McMenemy, also promised to play at Feethams to raise much needed funds. The Saints were riding high in the top flight at the time. They'd spent six weeks on top of the table throughout January and February but had now dropped down to fifth place. Their team was packed with big name players and internationals such as Kevin Keegan, Alan

Ball, Mick Channon, Chris Nicholl and ex Boro star David Armstrong so would provide quite an attraction and should draw a large crowd. A magnificent gesture by McMenemy and his club.

Southampton visited Feethams on Sunday 18th April. They'd travelled north to play at Leeds on the Saturday (a 3-1 win) and stayed in the region to play at Darlington the following day. The Quakers had had a 3-0 home win over Northampton on the Saturday and so had the curious distinction of entertaining Northampton and Southampton on consecutive days.

A crowd of 9415 crammed into Feethams on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far. The day's entertainment started with a Women's FA Cup semi final replay that finished Cleveland Ladies 2 Southampton Ladies 1. This was followed by a free fall parachute demonstration before the Quakers and the Saints took to the field for the main event of the afternoon. The visitors



showed their First Division class early on and controlled the opening stages of the game. They took the lead on 27 minutes when a cheeky back heel by Keegan gave Dave Puckett a clear run on goal and he comfortably slotted the ball past Pat Cuff. They increased their lead on 35 minutes when a clever jinking run down the left by David Armstrong took him to the bye line from where he crossed for Mick Channon to head home. Minutes later Armstrong shaved the post as Southampton threatened to run riot. The Quakers got back into the game just before half time. From a Tony McFadden through ball, David Speedie advanced into the box, held off Nick Holmes and fired past Ivan Katalinic in the Saints goal. Half time: Darlington 1 Southampton 2.



*A crowd of 9415 crammed into Feethams on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far.*

Darlington began the second half in fine style and took complete control of the game. Peter Skipper headed wide on 47 minutes when well placed and minutes later so did Ian Hamilton. In between their efforts, in a rare attack by the visitors, Channon fired wide, before Alan Walsh hit one of his trademark screamers, just wide of the mark. The deserved equaliser came in the 51st minute when a Walsh cross into the box was met by Speedie who spectacularly volleyed home. Two minutes later and the Quakers were in front as McFadden raced through a static Saints defence and slotted past Katalinic. McFadden almost scored again but fired his shot into the side netting and at the other end Mark Wright

headed against the post as the entertainment continued. Speedie completed his hat trick in the 66th minute. Dave McLean took a quick free kick and Speedie reacted quickest to head home. A minute later he almost made it four for the afternoon but his shot hit the keeper. Ten minutes from time Mark Wright brought down Walsh in the area and referee George Courtney had no hesitation in pointing to the spot. Walsh fired home

*continued...*

#### Team v Southampton :

1 Pat Cuff 2 Alan Kamara 3 Gavin Liddle 4 Kevan Smith 5 Peter Skipper 6 David Speedie 7 Tony McFadden 8 Dave McLean 9 Dave Hawker 10 Ian Hamilton 11 Alan Walsh Sub John Stalker

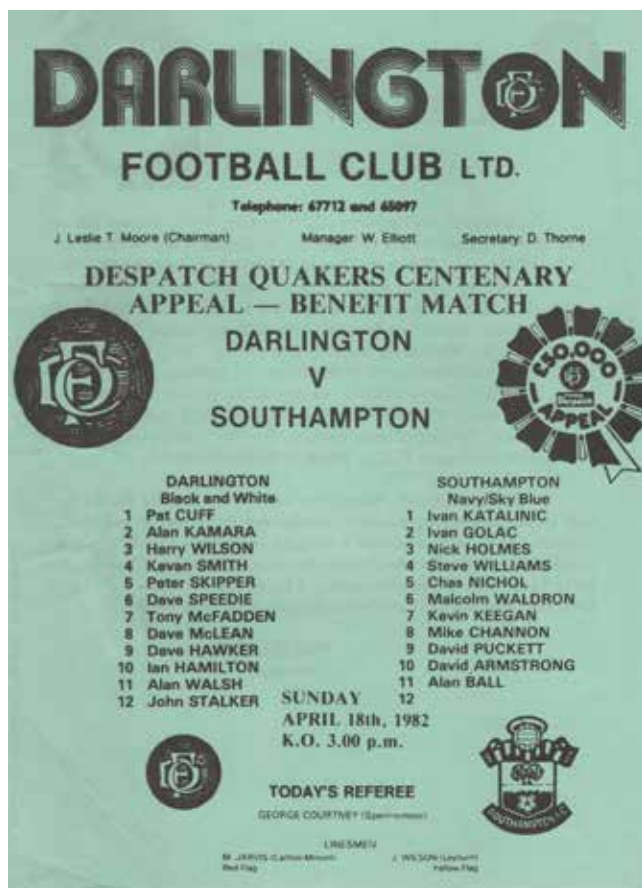
# Memory Match

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the penalty to make the final score 5-2.

Gate receipts of £9551 were the most important result of the day. The £50,000 target had been reached by the end of March but the fund raising continued. Another big pay day arrived on the last Saturday of the season when Sheffield United held their promotion party at Feethams. The Blades won 2-0 to clinch the Division 4 championship in front of a crowd of 11,130 (receipts £15000). The coffers were further boosted that summer when David Speedie was sold to Chelsea for £65,000. (Chelsea manager John Neal had been in the crowd at the Southampton game.) All of which meant that Darlington could approach the following season – their centenary – on a firmer financial footing.

The club produced a souvenir edition of the programme for the Southampton game which consisted of 16 pages and cost 30p. It was printed by Printrroom in Northallerton. It featured Keegan on the front cover and inside were



articles by chairman Leslie Moore, Robin Thompson of the Evening Despatch, club secretary Dave Thorne and local radio DJ Mark Page. There were five pages covering photos, history and pen pics of the Saints plus a Frank Tweddle article on past encounters with them. There were also two pages devoted to the Ladies semi final teams. The team line-

ups were on the back cover. There was also a team sheet handed out on entrance to the ground, with line-ups on the front and Billy Elliott's column on the reverse.



# THE LAST TIME WE...

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

**LAST TIME WE WON AT HOME – 8TH APRIL 2017, 3-2 V TAMWORTH**

**LAST TIME WE DREW AT HOME – 3RD DECEMBER 2016, 2-2 V SALFORD CITY**

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**LAST TIME WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AT HOME – 29TH MARCH 2017 1-0 V BRADFORD PA**

**LAST TIME WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AWAY – 11TH MARCH 2017, 1-0 AT STALYBRIDGE CELTIC**

**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 – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016, 4-1 V STALYBRIDGE CELTIC**

**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 – 29TH MARCH 2017 1-0 V BRADFORD PA**

**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 – 25TH MARCH 2017, 3-3 AT GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY**

**LAST TIME WE SCORED TWICE IN AN AWAY GAME – 4TH MARCH 2017, 2-2 AT WORCESTER CITY**

**LAST TIME WE SCORED ONCE IN AN AWAY GAME – 1ST APRIL 2017, 1-4 AT AFC FYLDE**

**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 PRESCOT 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 – 25TH MARCH 2017, DAVE SYERS AT GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY**

**LAST TIME A SUBSTITUTE SCORED FOR DARLO – 29TH MARCH 2017 HARVEY SAUNDERS V BRADFORD PA**

**LAST TIME DARLO CAME FROM BEHIND TO WIN – 15TH OCTOBER 2016, 5-2 V GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY**

**LAST TIME DARLO LOST AFTER TAKING THE LEAD – 17TH DECEMBER 2016, 1-2 AT KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS**



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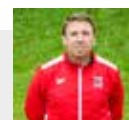
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# Commercially SPEAKING

BY ANTH  
MCMASTER

*Good afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows  
for our penultimate home league game of the season.*

The atmosphere was great here against Tamworth and I think it was our best performance since we moved here. I am writing these notes ahead of the Alfreton game so I am hoping we have got a positive result and we are taking some momentum into these last 3 games.

It has been recently announced that General Manager Dave Watson will play a bigger part on the Commercial side of the Club which is great. At this stage of our journey as a Club it's important to have someone actively on the ground and able to commit time to visit local businesses. I will continue to help the Club and Dave wherever I can in terms of representing, promoting the Club and introducing businesses, as well as match day duties.

Our commercial brochure with all next season's opportunities and prices is out now, and it's also available in the commercial section on our website.

## AWARDS EVENING

We now have several tables booked for this which promises to be a great night. No matter what happens, this is a great opportunity to support the Club and celebrate our achievements on and off the pitch together which has seen us winning our case to revert back to our proper playing name, and we are competing for a play off spot. Come and be part of the end of season awards night at the Kings Head hotel on Saturday 20th May.

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Due to us not knowing when our season will end, we are currently unable to confirm when shirts will be available to be presented to their sponsors. We have provisionally booked Friday 5th May and Friday 19th May at Blackwell Meadows. More information to follow.

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We are looking to do another push on these and it's a good time to get your business seen at Blackwell Meadows. We also aim to give you some exposure on social media and a write up in the programme. Email any enquiries to [commercial@darlingtonfc.org](mailto:commercial@darlingtonfc.org).

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# QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

*Good afternoon to everyone and a big welcome to our visitors today , FC United of Manchester.*

It was an exciting game against today's opponents back in August on that beautiful sunny day with the Quakers running out 3 - 2 winners on that day. A similar result today would be great. Come on Darlo!

### REFLECTIONS

After the disappointment of the Fylde game, our home game against Tamworth was, in my opinion, the most enjoyable at Blackwell Meadows so far. With the ground bathed in glorious sunshine, the team on fire playing some great football and with the Tin Shed in full voice it was a good day. The Nathan Cartman goal was a superb goal beautifully worked by the team and finished skilfully. Thanks to Theresa Clear for the photo. Surely, this must be a strong contender for goal of the season although Stephen Thompson might have something to say about that after a couple of his screamers this season.

It also made me think how far we have come in such a short time. Our players, regardless of where we finish this season, have been outstanding. Many said pre-season we would be happy with a mid-table consolidation season but the lads have battled hard and raised our expectations and whether we finish in a play-off position or not it has been a great first season in this division. Not many teams could cope with the upheaval of changing grounds mid-season and still challenge for a play-off place. Well done to the players and management.

### RETAIL AT BLACKWELL MEADOWS



We had a very good day with the shop at the Tamworth game. I think people are realising where we are now and it was good to see so many of you. We had some visitors from



Sweden at the game and they

went away with a couple of shirts and some scarves as a memento of their time at Blackwell Meadows. It was good to watch Darlington and Tamworth fans chatting together in the bar and enjoying the sunshine in the

beer garden. Many of the away supporters came and bought badges, pens and keyrings from us - it was good to have a chat with them. Our badges have been very popular with the fans - priced at £2.50 it's a good way to show your support for the team. Our pens retail at £1.00 and keyrings at £3.50 .

### RETAIL AT THE DOLPHIN CENTRE

Our shop at the Dolphin Centre has been busy over the last few weeks selling season tickets especially. We had a visitor from Alicante last week who bought a pennant to take back to Spain to put up in their bar which is called the Lime Bar and they very kindly sent a photo of themselves with the pennant. It's always great to hear from you wherever you are in the world. If you happen to be in Alicante why not pop in and see the lads and have a glass of sangria and chat about football! If you fancy a Darlo pennant they are priced at £10.



### CLOSE SEASON

As we only have one more home league game left this season I thought I would mention that we will be open as usual at the Dolphin Centre Monday to Friday 10 - 1 during the close season. Whether it be to order/pick up a new 2017/18 shirt, buy some of our other merchandise or sale bargains, pick up a season ticket or a fixture list for next season our willing team of excellent volunteers will be there to look after you. Well that's all from me. 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.

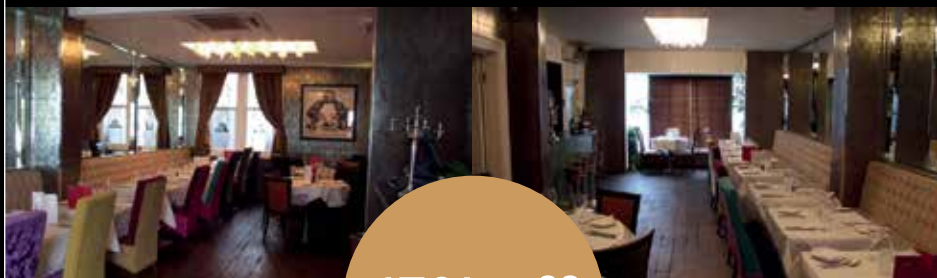
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## DFCSG Notes

BY WAYNE RAPER

Good afternoon and welcome  
to Blackwell Meadows for this  
afternoon's Vanarama National  
League North game versus a fellow  
fan-owned club, FC United of  
Manchester.

Any Quakers fan that visited FC United of Manchester's home of Broadhurst Park couldn't fail to have been impressed by their fantastic stadium. Their 4,400 capacity stadium cost £6.3M and is the UK's first new ground to be built and funded by a fan-owned football club. Covered on all sides, with standing and seating in the main stand and with a large and expansive home standing area behind the goal, FC United's purpose-built new ground shows what can be achieved when football fans with a vision work together and make things happen. FC United's members were involved at every stage during the design and construction process and the result is a stadium and community facility that is the envy of many clubs in higher leagues.

Despite being in mid-table in 14th position in National League North (before the results on 8th April), our visitors can boast of having the second highest average home League attendance of 2,585. They also have the second highest individual attendance of 4,158.

FC United is Community Benefit Society and therefore their ownership model is slightly different to ours in that Darlington FC is effectively a subsidiary of DFCSG (which is also a Community Benefits Society. FC United also boast a current membership of 3,982 – so we have a little way to go to catch-them up!

On the theme of fan-owned football clubs, every week Supporters Direct circulates a media briefing around member organisations and couple of relevant stories caught my eye and I hope you find them of interest too:

**Exeter City director of football Steve Perryman on how Fan-owned clubs can succeed**

Posted on the website 'www.Devonlive.com' on 4th April.

Exeter City director of football Steve Perryman has given his thoughts on how fan-owned football clubs can be successful.

Ahead of the game against Newport County, who, like City, are owned by a Supporters' Trust, Perryman spoke about how the Grecians have been able to find stability with the model.

However, he admitted that it can be difficult to be competitive at a higher level as a fan-owned club. "Exeter is owned by the fans as well so it's a derby game of Trust-owned clubs," Perryman said to the South Wales Argus.

"I've been working at this level for 14 years now and I think the fan-ownership is a good model for League Two. "Whether it works above that level remains to be seen.

"We had two years in League One because of a very good manager but the model means you have to stick to your budget and it's very important that you have a thriving youth policy as well."

**Coventry City Fans Want Change of Owners and Ownership Model**

Published on the Sky Blue Trust's website [www.skybluetrust.co.uk](http://www.skybluetrust.co.uk) on 6 April.

The 2017 annual Sky Blue Trust survey was conducted during February and has yielded some interesting and potentially worrying results. It must be stressed that the survey was done before the return of Mark Robins and the welcome success at Wembley. The survey was completed by 720 supporters, 50% being Trust members. Of the 720, over 50% were either season ticket holders or had attended more than 5 home matches. Therefore the survey shows a good spread of supporters from a range of demographic groups so that the results are statistically significant.

The most worrying outcome from the survey is the finding that, among current season ticket holders, only 20% would definitely renew if the club, as looks sadly inevitable, were relegated to Division 2. This would mean a major cut in the club's income, a potential decrease of almost £1 million. With the current

owners steadfastly refusing to invest in the team, it makes the prospect of signing quality players and bouncing straight back up again remote. However, 60% did indicate that a change of ownership would lead to them definitely renewing, even if the club was in Division 2. The subject of ownership is one that is deep in the thoughts of most Sky Blue supporters, with 65% stating that they cared about who owned the club and 83% supporting an ownership model based around some form of supporter involvement.

To further back this supporter involvement in ownership model, 92% of respondents indicated that they would be willing to invest their own money into their club, with 36% stating they would be willing to invest £1000 or more. This shows that there is not only an appetite for this type of ownership change but that supporters could raise sufficient funds to make it a reality.

Enjoy the game!

*Wayne Raper*

DFCSG Chair

**Away Travel**

DFCSG is running coaches to all away matches. The coaches leave from Park Place, Darlington and arrive at their destination around 90 minutes before kick-off.

Our final scheduled away trip is to Salford City on Saturday 29th April. The coach will depart at 10.45am and the fare will be £20. 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. Alternatively, you can book your seat at the DFCSG 'Fans Table' in the clubhouse at the forthcoming home matches.

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# LOOKING *Back*

This week's Looking Back was originally compiled by Frank Tweddle for the match programme against Northampton on 15th April 2006, a game that we lost 1-0 in front of a crowd of 5,220.



## 1995-96

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 0  
DARLINGTON 1

Division Three Attendance 8990

We had still only suffered one away league defeat on nineteen journeys as we made the longest possible trip for us in the Football League down to face Plymouth Argyle at Home Park on Easter Saturday 21 years ago. It had been a gruelling week of travel for the Quakers as we had played at Gillingham on the previous Tuesday evening. Anthony Carss came on for Gary Bannister who was rested to the bench, in an otherwise unchanged team. We were locked together on 63 points a piece with Argyle ahead on goal difference. After twenty-two minutes Robbie Painter fired us in front and this proved to be the only goal of the game giving us three crucial points and the advantage over the 'Pilgrims'. Although this gave us the double over Plymouth, as we had won 2-0 at Feethams in October, the injustice of the play off system became poignantly apparent seven weeks later when Argyle beat us at Wembley in the play off final.

Team: Newell, Brumwell, Barnard, Appleby, Crosby, Gegan, Carss, Carmichael, Painter, Gaughan, Blake (sub Bannister 66)

## 1985-86

DARLINGTON 0  
BOLTON WANDERERS 1

Division Three Attendance 1870

We were on a tremendous thirteen match unbeaten run, which had pulled us well clear of the relegation places, when Bolton Wanderers came to Feethams thirty one years ago lying level on points with ourselves in fifteenth place in the table. Manager Cyril Knowles was forced to bring in young defender John Huntley for only his fourth game of the season because of an injury to regular central defender John Green and also included another youngster in David Woodcock. The 'Trotters' were looking for revenge for the 3-0 drubbing we gave them in the corresponding game at Burnden Park the previous November and they duly took the lead through George Oghani midway through the first half. The Wanderers, prompted in midfield by the experience of Scottish international, Asa Hartford, thwarted all our attempts at levelling the score and thus ended our terrific three month unbeaten run.

Team: Astbury, Evans, Morgan, Tupling, Huntley, Lloyd, Roberts, Ward, McLean, Woodcock (sub Aldred) Robinson.

## 1975-76

WORKINGTON 0  
DARLINGTON 0

Division Four Attendance 1178

Our final away game of the season forty one years ago saw us head west across the A66 for our penultimate trip to Workington's Borough Park Ground, as the Cumbrians lost their Football League place to Wimbledon at the end of the following season. We were desperately struggling to escape from the bottom four and avoid another application for re-election and could ill afford any defeats in our remaining four matches. Manager Peter Madden brought former Newcastle United and Northern Ireland International John Cowan into the starting line up as on loan Billy Coulson was out injured. Rock bottom Workington put up a dour fight with former Darlington trainee Malcolm Dawes in the heart of their defence but neither side could find a way through the other's rearguard and the game ended in stalemate. The single hard earned point was certainly more valuable to the 'Quakers' than the 'Reds' who were almost resigned to ending bottom anyway.

Team: Ogley, Cowan, Cochrane, Rowles, Noble, Blant, Holbrook, Sinclair, Nattress, Craig, Young





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Today we welcome Hetton Lyons Bowes U-8s. We spoke to one of their coaches Mark Findlay and asked him for a little introduction to his team:

"The current squad was formed in September 2016 and are currently enrolled in the Russel Foster U8s Youth League, playing 5v5 games. The squad is a mixture of kids who have come together through various routes, such as school, football and other sporting past times.

"As we move into next season the boys are moving up to 7v7 and are working hard to develop their game ready for this move.

"A fantastic bunch of kids that are full of energy and love playing football!"

"The Bowes are coached by myself and Gordon Mckeown we have the job of making sure the boys can develop in a enjoyable environment!"

We're looking forward to welcoming Mark, Gordon and the lads and hope they have a fantastic time today.

Looking forward to next season we have already got a waiting list of teams and groups wanting to take part in the match day experience. So if you are part of a team or community group of any sort, contact myself as soon as possible on [schools@dfc1883.co.uk](mailto:schools@dfc1883.co.uk)

Enjoy the match!!



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### QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

**FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE** 1. Georgia 2. Nick Park 3. Forty 4. Vauxhall 5. Lake Coniston 6. Cheese on toast 7. Chicago 8. Orang Utan 9. Black Velvet 10. SCUBA diving equipment 11. Birmingham & Exeter 12. Cat's Eyes

**HALF-TIME TEASER** Adam Nowakowski

**SECOND HALF - SPORTING KNOWLEDGE** 13. Williams 14. Norwich City 15. Backstroke 16. Eric Cantona 17. Arsenal 18. Fairyhouse 19. Lazio 20. Heptathlon 21. The World Series 22. Tottenham Hotspur (European Cup-Winners Cup in 1963) 23. Kentucky Derby 24. AFC Fylde



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**L**ATE season quiz question. Why is League Two Grimsby Town's decision to sack their manager such bad news for Non-League football? Let me try to explain.

This season has been like none I can remember for players securing life-changing moves.

Non-League to Premier League used to be a thing of fantasy. No longer.

In years gone by it was clubs like Peterborough United providing a platform for lower level talent to play at. Nurtured by the Posh coaches, their second-to-none scouting network acted as a dream catcher.

Once a player got his chance in League One or League Two and proved themselves, they would be allowed to step up. With a Barry Fry-size profit in their back pocket, of course.

Think Dwight Gayle, or George Boyd. Peterborough and clubs like them were a footballing middle man. Now, that path is being easily side-stepped.

On Monday, another one went. Middlesbrough, who had signed Shildon's free scoring midfielder Lewis Wing last month, made a

move for Luke Armstrong. Having just won the Evo-Stik NPL Premier with Blyth, it was a fantastic few days for him. Especially as his dad Alun – a former Middlesbrough player himself – is the Spartans boss!

Last Friday, Premier League champions Leicester City took Stafford Rangers' Josh Gordon.

Three in the space of four weeks. That's some going.

It's mainly down to one man of course. So famous that he has a condition name after him.

The Jamie Vardy Effect means stones are no longer left unturned. Cheap, no hassle and critically, hungry. The lower level players are a punt worth taking.

Even if the success percentage is single figures, top end clubs can't put a price on finding a future superstar now they have seen it can happen for real. Literally Hollywood stuff.

Great news for everything and everyone in Non-League? Well, all except its managers it seems.

I can count on one finger the number of bosses who have been plucked from Non-League and given their

chance to display their talents in the Football League in the last few seasons.

Sadly, he's just been given his P45 little over five months into the job.

Marcus Bignot left Grimsby on Monday, and as soon as it was announced you got the feeling eyes were rolling in the heads of managers everywhere.

Bignot, who arrived from Solihull Moors when Paul Hurst left for Shrewsbury, was their ambassador.

There has always been a certain stigma attached to Non-League managers much like there was with its players ten years ago.

But while chances are happily taken on footballers, coaches and managers usually have to get promoted to the Football League to get the chance to manage in it.

Bignot it seemed was the exception.

His strange sacking by Grimsby – despite sitting comfortably in mid-table and having just beaten Blackpool following the £1m sale of striker Omar Bogle – is a blow to all managers outside the EFL.



## Vanarama National League North 2016-17

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	<b>AFC Fylde</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>+43</b>
2	Kidderminster	38	22	6	10	67	38	72	+29
3	FC Halifax Town	38	21	8	9	73	42	71	+3
4	Salford City	38	19	11	8	71	41	68	+30
5	<b>Darlington</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>+20</b>
6	Chorley	38	18	13	7	58	39	67	+19
7	Stockport County	38	18	13	7	55	39	67	+16
8	Brackley	38	17	12	9	57	39	63	+18
9	Tamworth	38	18	5	15	63	65	59	-2
10	Gloucester City	38	17	7	14	62	55	58	+7
11	Harrogate Town	37	15	10	12	65	54	55	+11
12	Curzon Ashton	38	13	10	15	57	63	49	-6
13	Nuneaton	38	12	12	14	55	57	48	-2
14	FC United of Manchester	38	12	12	14	57	60	48	-3
15	Boston United	38	12	10	16	50	62	46	-12
16	Bradford Park Avenue	38	12	5	21	44	68	41	-24
17	AFC Telford United	38	10	10	18	35	51	40	-16
18	Alfreton	38	11	7	20	57	84	40	-27
19	Worcester City	38	7	13	18	41	56	34	-15
20	Gainsborough Trinity	38	7	10	21	48	78	31	-30
21	Stalybridge Celtic	37	8	5	24	35	73	29	-38
22	Altrincham	38	3	8	27	33	82	17	-49

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	4					
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	37		2	1	15	
Gary Brown	31	1	3		4	
Kevin Burgess	28	1			4	
Nathan Cartman	18	16	3		6	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	19	4	3		1	
David Ferguson	12	1				
Terry Galbraith	32	5	3		10	1
Josh Gillies	26	8	2		9	
Liam Hardy	13	12	2	1	8	1
Chris Hunter	13	4	2	1		
Peter Jameson	22					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	27		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		9			2	
Leon Scott	16	7	2	1		
David Syers	15	9	1	1	9	
Stephen Thompson	35	2	1	2	8	1
Phil Turnbull	35	1	1	1	1	
Lewis Walker	1					
Jordan Watson	7	2	1			
Arran Wearmouth		2				
Ed Wilczynski	8					
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	18th	Boston United	A	3.00	2-1	1243	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Galbr'ith	Hardy	Gillies	Bell	Blackford				
Sat	Feb	25th	Harrogate Town	H	3.00	2-3	1742	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Hardy	Bell	Gillies				
Wed	Mar	1st	Altrincham	H	7.45	3-1	1423	Wil'ski	Hunter	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'am	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Galbr'ith	Gillies	Hardy	Bell	Scott				
Sat	Mar	4th	Worcester City	A	3.00	2-2	589	Wil'ski	Hunter	Ferg'son	Falk'ham	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Syers	Hardy	Beck	Gillies	Turnbull	Cartman	Sau'ders	Bell	Galbr'ith				
Sat	Mar	11th	Stalybridge Celtic	A	3.00	1-0	712	Wil'ski	Hunter	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Syers	Cartman	Beck	Falk'ham	Galbr'ith	Sau'ders	Gillies	Jameson	Marrs				
Sat	Mar	18th	Brackley	H	3.00	1-0	1547	Wil'ski	Marrs	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Gillies	Sau'ders	Jameson	Wear'th	Hume				
Sat	Mar	25th	Gainsborough Trinity	A	3.00	3-3	744	Bartlett	Marrs	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Galbr'ith	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Syers2	Wear'th	Sau'ders	Gillies	Wil'ski	Burgess				
Wed	Mar	29th	Bradford Park Avenue	H	7.45	1-0	1333	Bartlett	Marrs	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Galbr'ith	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Gillies	Syers	Sau'ders	Cartman	Wil'ski	Hunter	Scott				
Sat	Apr	1st	AFC Fylde	A	3.00	1-4	2365	Bartlett	Marrs	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Galbr'ith	Syers	Hunter	Sau'ders	Gillies	Cartman	Wil'ski				
Sat	Apr	8th	Tamworth	H	3.00	3-2	1694	Bartlett	Hunter	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Galbr'ith	Brown	Thomp'n	Syers	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Wear'th	Sau'ders	Scott	Wil'ski	Marrs				
Sat	Apr	15th	Alfreton	A																							
Mon	Apr	17th	FC United of Manchester	H																							
Sat	Apr	22nd	AFC Telford United	H																							
Sat	Apr	29th	Salford City	A																							

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# TODAY'S Teams

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## DARLINGTON

Adam Bartlett	
Mark Beck	
Mark Bell	
Gary Brown	
Kevin Burgess	
Nathan Cartman	
Josh Falkingham	
David Ferguson	
Terry Galbraith	
Josh Gillies	
Chris Hunter	
Liam Marrs	
Dale Milburn	
Tom Portas	
Harvey Saunders	
Leon Scott	
David Syers	
Stephen Thompson	
Phil Turnbull	
Arran Wearmouth	
Ed Wilczynski	



## FC UNITED

Dave Carnell	
Dale Tonge	
Chris Chantler	
Scott Kay	
Jordan Fagbola	
Luke Ashworth	
Matthew Wolfenden	
Nathan Lowe	
Tomi Adedoye	
Jerome Wright	
George Thomson	
Tom Greaves	
Jason Gilchrist	
Sam Sheridan	
Tom Brown	
Greg Wilkinson	
Jake Williams	
Zac Corbett	
Gareth Arnison	

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Referee: Billy Khatib

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## Next home game:

Saturday 22nd April

AFC Telford United, kick off 3pm

## Next away game:

Saturday 29th April

Salford City, kick off 3pm

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## Mascot:

Katie Bagshaw

## Today's other fixtures:

AFC Fylde v

Bradford PA, AFC

Telford United v Nuneaton, Altrincham v Kidderminster, Boston v Gloucester, Brackley v Gainsborough, Harrogate Town v FC Halifax Town, Salford City v Curzon Ashton, Stalybridge v Chorley, Tamworth v Alfreton, Worcester City v Stockport County



*Please note that today's programme was prepared before the Alfreton game last Saturday.*

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