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We were very determined to get things right last Saturday.

ood evening everyone and welcome to our first full season at Blackwell Meadows.

We got off to a great start last Saturday when we won by 2-0 at Salford, it's always nice to begin a new campaign with three points.

We put a lot of preparation into the game in the week beforehand, and the players took everything on board and carried out our instructions perfectly.

Some of the lads, like me, were hurt by the defeat at Salford on the last day of the season, and we were very determined to put things right. We were pretty confident going into the game after drawing against Gateshead and Guiseley in our last two pre season matches, and with a strong mindset I thought we just about dominated the game.

David Ferguson took both his goals well, and I thought we defended very well as a team. When Salford had the ball, our players made it very hard for them by closing players down and marking them tight, and we forced them into making mistakes.

The players have set the standard now, they know that I expect at least a similar performance now in every game, there is no point in winning at Salford and then producing a sub standard performance against Gainsborough tonight. We had a real hunger and desire on Saturday, and I want the same again.

I must thank you for your great support on Saturday. There was a really good atmosphere in the visiting end, and there was some very loud noise, especially when the goals went in. I've said many times before, your backing really does make a difference.

This will be our first game on the new Blackwell Meadows pitch, I would like to thank everyone who has worked on it during the summer, and hopefully we'll see lots of goals - in the right end!

Happy new season everyone - enjoy the game.

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Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's game.



The chances they created were probably due to individual errors on our behalf, it wasn't as if we were cut open by their good play. There were plenty of positives from that performance, especially as we won our first game of the season and it took the pressure off us coming into these two home games this week. Sometimes if you don't win that first game, you wonder when you're going to get that first win - it's a psychological thing. We're really looking forward to tonight's game and building on Saturday's win.

Fergie, like all the other players in the team, was

brilliant. He has the ability to take the team up the pitch when we're under pressure, and he can gain thirty or forty yards for the team. He took his chances well - in one game he doubled the number of goals he got last season.

Tonight is our first game at home and the pitch has had some good work done on it during the summer, so hopefully we can collect three points.

I was pleased with my own performance last Saturday. Maybe one or two eyebrows were raised when I was named in the starting line up after being on holiday earlier in the week, but I'm naturally fit anyway, just like many of our other lads. I was up and about running early in the morning on holiday before the sun aot too hot, and I covered a lot of miles. The gaffer trusts me to look after myself, I've got enough experience from the last twelve years or so, on how to approach games.

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It was great to see Kev **Burgess and Tom Portas** come through the reserve game at Prudhoe on Saturday without any ill effects to their injuries. Both of them have had to be very patient, but now they're slowly getting back to full fitness.

Enjoy the game



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

Gaiusborough Triuity



Simon Hahn has been doing some research on today's opponents, Gainsborough Trinity.

KEY MOMENTS IN GAINSBOROUGH'S HISTORY

- · Formed in 1873 as Trinity Recreationists
- Elected to Football League Second Division in 1891 before dropping to the Midland League in 1912.
- Founding member of Northern Premier League in 1969 where they stayed until 2004/05.
- Have been in the National North since the 2004-05 season, finishing fourth in season 2011/12, but lost in the play offs to Nuneaton
- Have appeared in the first round of the FA Cup 36 times, and between seasons 1927 and 1939 reached the second round of the FA Cup on eight occasions
- Trinity's Northolme ground has been a home of sport for nearly 150 years, beginning life as a cricket ground. The record attendance for a football match was recorded in the Midland League during the 1940's when 9,760 witnessed a game against near neighbours Scunthorpe United.

DARLINGTON CONNECTIONS WITH GAINSBOROUGH:

Brian Little, who was manager of Quakers when we won the GM Vauxhall Conference title and Fourth Division titles in 1990 and 1991, had a brief spell as Gainsborough manager in 2010.

Apart from the two league games last season, Quakers beat Gainsborough in the first round of the FA Cup in season 1946-47, Harry Clarke scoring both goals in the 2-1 win.

LAST SEASON

The 2016/17 season was a struggle for Trinity from the word go. In their first nine games they managed only one win, against Altrincham who would go on to finish bottom. They travelled to Heritage Park to face us in October having won three games from five, where despite falling behind. two goals from Terry Galbraith helped us to a 5-2 victory. Like ourselves clean sheets proved to be elusive for Trinity, who only kept three during their league campaign. Dave Frecklington became manager in February with the goal of keeping the side in the division. He had to wait till the fourth last game of the season for his first win. but it was a memorable 1-0 victory over Salford City. He would have had his first victory in March over ourselves, but for a dramatic 97th minute equaliser from Dave Svers in a 3-3 draw. After victory over the Ammies they picked up vital points against tough opposition in Brackley Town and

Kidderminster Harriers which would go on to prove the difference. Defeat on the final day at FC United of Manchester could have sent them down, but Worcester also lost so Trinity stayed up by a nail-biting point.

GAINSBOROUGH'S 2016/17 SEASON STATS

Top scorer -- Ashley Worsfold 8 goals.

Collected 13 points away from home

Conceded 16 goals after the 80th minute

Never made the top half of the table - their
highest place all season was 13th

LAST SIX GAMES OF SEASON 2016-17

29/04/2017 FC United of Manchester (A) Lost 5-1

22/04/2017 Kidderminster Harriers (H) Drew 1-1

17/04/2017 Brackley Town (A) Drew 0-0 14/07/2017 Salford City (H) Won 1-0 08/04/2017 Stockport County (H) Lost 1-0 01/04/2017 Chorley (A) Lost 4-0

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/2017 National League North Points 36 Position 19th

2015/2016 National League North Points 50 Position 16th

2014/2015 National League North Points 50 Position 17th

2013/2014 National League North Points 45 Position 16th

2012/2013 National League North Points 66 Position 8th

2011/2012 National League North Points 74 Position 4th

LAST MATCHES

FC United of Manchester 5 -1 Gainsborough

On the final day of last season Gainsborough needed a result to secure their place in the National League North. While they travelled to FC United, Worcester went to champions AFC Fylde starting the day one point behind. Trinity took an early lead through Chris Salt, but a hat-trick from George Thomson along with goals from Matt Wolfenden and Jerome Wright sealed the win for the hosts. Thankfully for Gainsborough they survived the drop as Worcester also lost, 4-2 at AFC Fylde.

Gainsborough 1 Leamington 2

Trinity lost at home on Saturday to Leamington even though they took an early lead when Ashley Worsfold scored from an Alex Simmons pass on 18 minutes. Ahmed Obeng quickly equalised for Leamington with a good shot, and then on 72 minutes Obeng scored the winner after two Gainsborough defenders collided.

Gainsborough Trinity: Walton, Gater, Davie, Clarke (sub Williams, 87), Jacklin, Evans, Simmons (sub Wells, 76), Richards, Jarman (sub Wafula, 76), Worsfold, King. Subs not used: Lacey, Storey.

SQUAD:

Manager: Dave Frecklington Goalkeeper: Richard Walton

Defenders: Josh Lacey, Ellis Storey, Nathan Stainfield, Chris Salt, Michael Jacklin, Ioan Evans

Midfielders: Tom Davie, Charlie Gater, Jonathan Wafula, Jordan Richards, Shane Clarke, Johnathan Williams, Craig King, Gavin Rothery

Forwards: Bradley Wells, Alex Simmons, Ashley Worsfold, Nathan Jarman

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PLAYERS TO WATCH: Nathan Jarman - Captain



Experienced striker Jarman comes as one of Trinity's most dangerous goal threats. The captain signed a new contract in May taking a pay cut to stay at the club. He started his career at Barnsley, when he had spells on loan at Bury and Worksop Town. In 2007 he moved to Grimsby Town where he played 47 times, but despite three seasons at the club he was unable to nail down a regular first team place. After a spell at Corby Town he left for Alfreton whom he helped avoid relegation from the National Premier. He dropped down a division to join Chester and was part of the squad that won promotion to the top level of non-league football as thev lifted the National North championship - our own Dominic Collins was in the same squad. He enjoyed two successful years at North Ferriby United, scoring over 30 times

as the club lifted the FA Trophy before joining Gainsborough in May 2015.

Ashley Worsfold - Striker



Striker Ashley Worsfold is a player whom we have faced many times in recent years. Two seasons ago he was playing for Buxton in the Evo-Stik Premier before joining Gainsborough last summer. After previously playing in the second tier of non-league football for Harrogate Town, he dropped down a level, where he was a strike partner with our former striker Liam Hardy at Buxton, before moving back up to the National League North.

Tom Davie - Ex Ouaker

Midfielder Tom Davie had a month long loan spell with us last season. He played three times for us, all coming from the bench, which saw us pick up four points.

Tom, who started his career at Hull City before moving on to North Ferriby, Frickley and Bradford Park Avenue, from whom



Dave Frecklington - Manager

Manager Frecklington had a playing career as a midfielder at Lincoln City as well as many years in the local non-league game, He joined Gainsborough in February this year and helped steer the club to safety on the final day. The young manager has had spells at Lincoln United, whom he guided to the play-offs and Spalding United.



he was on loan to us. Davie had previously played for Gainsborough before having a loan spell with them last season which led to a permanent move.



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Last time we met Darlington: Jameson, Marrs, Watson (sub Burgess 46), Turnbull, Brown, Calbraith, Thompson, Falkingham (sub Syers 60), Beck, Hardy (sub Cartman 56), Gillies Subs Bell, Davie Bookings: Watson, Hardy Goals: Jarman (22 mins, 0-1),

> 15TH OCTOBER 2016 Darlington 5 Gainsborough 2

Terry Galbraith scored twice from the spot and missed another as we easily beat Gainsborough at Heritage Park.

After Quakers went close three times, Gainsborough shocked us by taking the lead on 22 minutes when Nathan Jarman got away and fired across Peter Jameson.

Quakers were awarded a penalty on 38 minutes when a left wing cross by Josh Gillies was handled by defender Josh Lacey, but Gainsborough keeper George Willis dived low to his right and pushed Terry Galbraith's penalty on to the post.

Quakers then gained a free kick from the left which was floated in by Gillies, and the assistant immediately flagged for a penalty for a foul on Mark Beck. This time Tez beat the keeper in the same corner.

Quakers went ahead in the first minute of the second half when Stephen Thompson played a short corner to Tez, who crossed to the far post where Gary Brown headed firmly past the keeper.

Gainsborough were awarded a penalty - the third of the game -- on 54 minutes when

Josh Falkingham was harshly penalised for handball as the ball came in from the left, and James Reid sent Jameson the wrong way.

Attendance: 1.424

Galbraith (40 mins, 1-1), Brown (46 mins, 2-1), Reid (54 mins, 2-2),

Cartman (75 mins, 3-2), Galbraith (77 mins, 4-2), Syers (82 mins, 5-2)

Quakers made two subs in Nathan Cartman and David Syers, and they changed the game. Quakers regained the lead on 75 minutes when Thommo crossed deep from the right to the far post where Mark Beck did extremely well to lay the ball back for Cartman to turn home his second goal of the season.

Quakers went 4-2 up when new signing David Syers burst through the middle and was fouled by Jake Picton just inside the area. The referee pointed to the spot for the fourth time in the game, and Tez sent the keeper the wrong way.

It was 5-2 on 81 minutes when Beck laid the ball off nicely for Syers to run on and beat the keeper with a low left foot shot.

If Tez had scored all three penalties, we reckon it would have been the first time ever that a Darlo player has scored a hat trick of penalties.

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

> NORMAN CURTIS

Former Gainsborough Trinity left-back Norman Curtis starred as Sheffield Wednesday won the Second Division title on three occasions. Following wartime service in the Royal Navy, he joined Gainsborough and helped win the Midland League title in 1948-49. He moved to Sheffield Wednesday in January 1950 and was given his First Division debut against Bolton Wanderers ten months later, becoming their regular penalty-taker. Making over 300 Football League appearances for the Owls. he joined Doncaster Rovers as player-manager in August 1960. Later with Buxton, he ran a sports shop in Gainsborough, then was a sales rep for Carlsberg and settled in York.

> RONNIE BROWN

One-time Gainsborough Trinity winger Ronnie Brown helped Blackpool to regain top-flight status in 1969-70. He impressed with Whitley Bay before moving to Blackpool in November 1965 and made his First Division debut in their 1-1 draw at home to Newcastle five months later. Helping to reach the League Cup fifth round in 1966-67 and 1968-69, he joined Plymouth Argyle in February 1971. He moved to Bradford City in September 1972 and featured in that season's FA Cup third round victory over Blackpool. Making almost 200 League appearances overall, he then briefly played for Gainsborough, becoming a porter at Bradford Royal Infirmary.

> ROY ELLAM

One-time Gainsborough Trinity central defender Roy Ellam was ever-present in Huddersfield Town's 1969-70 Second Division title triumph. Signing professional for Bradford City in May 1960. he was ever-present in their 1973-74 promotion near-miss and joined Huddersfield in January 1966. He was a League Cup semi-finalist in 1967-68 and ever-present in the top-flight in two consecutive seasons. Moving to Leeds United in August 1972, he featured in their 1973-74 League Championship success as Gordon McOueen's understudy, then played for Huddersfield again, Mossley and Gainsborough, becoming manager. He was later a publican near Dewsbury.

> NEIL WARNOCK

Warnock

Neil

began his managerial career at Gainsborough Trinity. A former winger, he had spells with Chesterfield, Rotherham, Hartlepool, Scunthorpe. Aldershot, Barnsley, York, Crewe and Burton Albion, then was Gainsborough's player-boss from July 1980 until returning to Burton as manager in February 1981. Taking charge of Scarborough in July 1986, he led them to the Conference title in 1986-87, then became Notts County's boss in January 1989 and plotted two promotion campaigns. Briefly with Torquay United, he has since managed Huddersfield, Plymouth. Oldham Athletic. Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, QPR, Leeds and Rotherham.

> STEWART EVANS

Former Gainsborough Trinity striker Stewart Evans was a key figure in Wimbledon's rise from the Fourth Division to First. Initially with Rotherham United, he had a spell with Gainsborough before

moving to Sheffield United in November 1980. He joined Wimbledon in March 1982 and was leading marksman in 1984-85. Following spells at West Brom and Plymouth Argyle, he returned to Rotherham in November 1988 and starred in their 1988-89 Fourth Division title triumph. He joined Crewe Alexandra in September 1991 and helped win promotion in 1993-94, then appeared for Denaby United and Maltby Main, becoming a builder in Sheffield.

> IAN MELLOR

Former Gainsborough Trinity striker Ian Mellor starred in Brighton's 1976-77 promotion success. He turned professional with Manchester City in December 1969 and remained in the top-flight after joining Norwich City for £65,000 in March 1973. Sold to Brian Clough's Brighton for a then club record £40,000 in May 1974, 'Spider' was the perfect foil for Peter Ward, reuniting with Alan Oakes at Chester in February 1978. He moved to Sheffield Wednesday in June 1979, then had spells with Bradford City, Tsun Wan, Worksop, Matlock and briefly Gainsborough under Neil Warnock, becoming a commercial executive with the PFA in Manchester

> ANDY KOWALSKI

Former Gainsborough Trinity midfielder Andy Kowalski featured in Chesterfield's 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final triumph. Previously with Alfreton, he moved to Chesterfield in February 1973 and starred in their 1979-80 promotion near-miss. He joined Doncaster Rovers in June 1983 and helped win

promotion in 1983-84, then played for Peterborough United and Chesterfield again. Making nearly 500 League appearances overall, he moved to Boston United in July 1987, then briefly Gainsborough four months later, before spells as player-coach at Matlock Town and Shepshed Charterhouse. He has since been a sales manager in financial services.

KENNY BURNS

Ex-Scotland international central defender Kenny Burns had a spell as Gainsborough Trinity's player-coach during the 1989-90 campaign. Starting with Birmingham, he was a promotion winner in 1971-72 and moved to Nottingham Forest in July 1977. He was 'Footballer of the Year' when they won the League Championship and League Cup in 1977-78. Starring in two consecutive European Cup final triumphs, he joined Leeds United in October 1981, then appeared for Derby County, Barnsley, Sutton Town, Stafford Rangers, Grantham Town, Gainsborough and Ilkeston Town. He became a publican, then a sales rep and is now a Forest ambassador.

> CALVIN PLUMMER

One-time Gainsborough Trinity striker Calvin Plummer starred as Chesterfield reached the Fourth Division play-off final in 1989-90. Signing professional for Nottingham Forest in February 1981, he appeared for Brian Clough's starstudded side in the topflight and initially joined Chesterfield as part of the Danny Wilson deal in January 1983. He reunited with Peter Taylor at Derby County in August 1983, then appeared for Barnsley, Forest again and Plymouth Arayle before reioining Chesterfield in July 1989. Making almost 250 League appearances overall, he moved to Gainsborough in September 1991, then assisted other non-League clubs.

> IAN GORE

One-time Gainsborough Trinity central defender Ian Gore featured prominently in Blackpool's 1991-92 Fourth Division play-off final triumph. A former Birmingham City apprentice, he turned professional in May 1986 but failed to secure a first-team slot and moved via Southport to Blackpool in January 1988. He also featured in the 1989-90 FA Cup run and 1990-91 Fourth Division play-off final, Joining Torquay United in August 1995, he moved to Doncaster Rovers in March 1996 and made almost 300 League appearances overall. He had a spell with Boreham Wood before joining Gainsborough in September 1999 and has settled in Lytham St Annes.

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Building the future together



>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

Good evening, everyone, and welcome to our first home game of the season.

It's great to be kicking off our league season at Blackwell Meadows, especially after all the hard work that has been going on during the close season. The pitch has been completely re-laid and is getting better all the time, the seats in the stand on the far side have been raised, the foundations for the new seated stand have been completed and the dugouts have been moved back to improve the view.

The next stage of work on the ground is the steelwork erection and cladding of the new seated stand, hopefully the orders will be placed in September and October.

We must thank all of those who have worked on the pitch and the infrastructure during the summer and I'm sure everyone will see the difference for the better.

From a personal point of view, I have done a lot of work behind the scenes since my last notes on our official website and good progress has been made with everybody concerned. As I've said previously, I've been working on the club's strategy for the medium and long-term future, and I'm hoping to have something to present to the fanbase in the coming weeks. I need to make sure that everything stacks up properly before I present it, which I'm sure you'll appreciate.

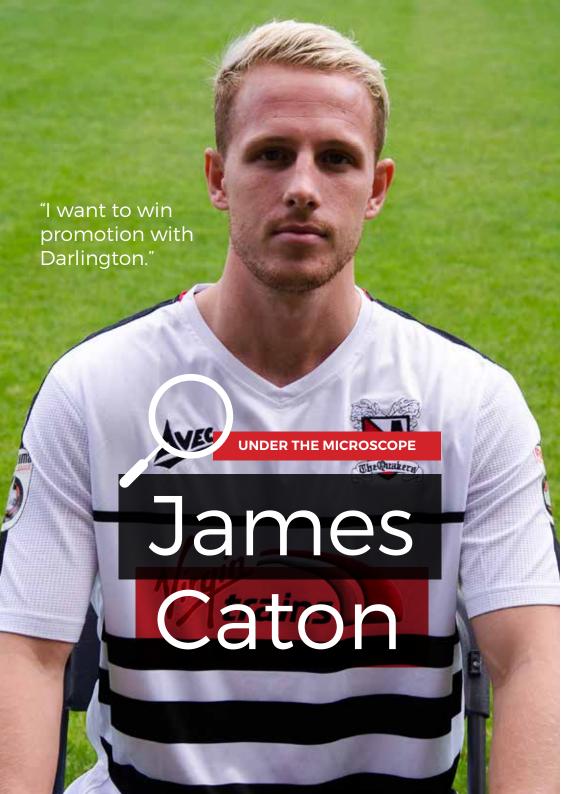
Martin has worked hard on strengthening his playing squad during the summer, and hopefully he will have a created a squad that will challenge for promotion from this league. I was very impressed by preseason, especially the two good away draws against National League opponents. We have a very challenging first month, with matches against two of the relegated clubs and a local derby against Spennymoor. We have seven league games in August and another five in September plus hopefully two FA Cup ties, so we will need to be at our best.

What a great start to the season it was at Salford last Saturday. The lads

played really well, and like you, I was very proud of them. After the first five minutes I thought we controlled the first half, and we deserved to go in at half time 1-0 up. and possibly even 2-0. Salford had some pressure at the start of the second half, but we defended well and they eventually ran out of ideas. It was a great counter attack goal that finished them off and I don't think many people could grumble about the result. Their directors were very sporting in their praise and recognised that we deserved to win.

Thank you for your support, you have been fantastic in continuing to raise finance for the club and you will play an important part in determining the club's future.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the Directors, Management, players and staff of Gainsborough to Blackwell Meadows and I hope that everyone enjoys the game.



New striker James Caton says that he wants to put his career back on track with Quakers.

ames, 23, has played in the Championship and League Two, but after half a season of inactivity at previous club Dover, he's very keen on playing regular football again.

His career started with a good grounding at Bolton Wanderers, but unfortunately he didn't get near the first team. "I started off at Bolton when I was a 9 year old and had a good football education there until I was 18, and then got a move to Blackpool.

"I went straight into their first team, and made my debut in the Championship for them. I was there for two years, then when my contract finished, I went on to Shrewsbury for two seasons. I wouldn't change anything about my two years at Blackpool, but it was just unfortunate that I had five managers in that time. I managed to be in the first team with every single manager, but when you're a young lad, sometimes you don't get the experience that you need and that was unfortunate.

"When I went to Shrewsbury, the first season was great because we won promotion to League One, but then they changed formation to 3-5-2, and the manager didn't see me fitting in. It didn't quite work out for me then, and I had a good loan spell at Lincoln during my time there. I really enjoyed my time at Sincil Bank, I played really well but they didn't sign me. That was my first experience of playing in the National League. I went to Southport, did well there and had a good run of games, but when I went to Dover at the turn of the

year, it was stop-start and I didn't get going."

James sees his move to Blackwell Meadows as a means of resurrecting his career, and his first training session with the rest of the lads persuaded him that joining Quakers was the right thing to do.

"It's important for me now to have a good run of games in the team, and get back to enjoying football. That's why we're all involved, you want to be playing; you don't want to be sitting on the bench. It's important that I get going, and really get my career moving again.

"I had a few clubs interested in me, but it was important that I chose the right one for me. I came to training with Darlington one night and had a good chat with the manager, and I really enjoyed the training session to be honest.

"We did a lot of individual stuff, and the squad was split between defenders. midfielders and strikers. I like that, because if you have a manager who wants to work with individuals as players, he's going to get the best out of you. I definitely think that we're on the same page, and that session made me want to ioin because I definitely feel that I can have a good oneto-one relationship with the manager, and see him getting the best out of me

"People wonder whether I'm a winger or a striker, but I think the problem is that when you have a bit of pace, sometimes managers think because of that you can only play on the wing. Personally I prefer a



more central role, my favourite position is number 10. Another thing that swayed me to come here was that the manager sees me in a central position.

"I want to win promotion with Darlington. I followed the progress of the team last season, and they were very unlucky, it was only circumstances that they didn't get into the play offs. There's no reason why we can't get into the play offs this season."

James played a big role in that terrific 2-0 away win at Salford last Saturday when he formed a very good understanding with Mark Beck up front.

"The result was brilliant," he said. "Salford are one of the teams that people have predicted to be in the play offs, and to get that sort of result away from home against them was tremendous.

'They couldn't cope with the way we played, we had a lot of the ball in their half and we caused them problems with our pace.

"Personally I would have liked to have seen a couple more chances come my way, but Becky and I pushed up on their centre halves and it got a bit physical at times.

"I was happy with the way I played, it was a big scalp for us on the opening day, but we know that we have to keep winning matches."



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/hat a great start to the season by Quakers against the big spending promotion favourites.

Salford turned full time professional during the summer and brought in several new players, but it was Quakers who looked the full time team, because they were more polished, disciplined and enterprising.

Salford had a brief spell at the start of the game and a ten minute spell in the second, but apart from that Quakers were well in control. The whole team, and particularly the back five, all defended very well with Mark Beck helping out with some important headed clearances when Salford were trying to put on the pressure.

The goalscoring hero was David Ferguson, who scored a goal in each half, and in one game doubled his goals output for last season

David Syers was inches wide with an effort from a Cary Brown long throw midway through the half, and the Darlington fans behind the goal were celebrating a minute before half time when James Caton hit the post, but the ball rebounded out to Fergie, who quickly controlled the ball and stroked

it left footed into the bottom corner.

Salford had a couple of chances early in the second half that keeper Adam Bartlett comfortably saved, but after that Quakers snuffed them out, and waited for their moment on the break.

And that arrived in stoppage time when sub Harvey Saunders broke away up the right, pulled a couple of defenders towards him, and he rolled the ball across the box for Fergie to knock home.

More celebrations in the Darlo end, and a happy journey home!

Darlington: Bartlett, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Collins, Brown, Cillies (sub Scott 66), Syers, Beck, Caton (Saunders 74), Ferguson Subs not used: Marrs, Fenwick, Wilczynski Booking: Brown

Salford: Crocombe, Hogan, Piergianni, Burton, Livesey, Maynard, Nottingham, Allen, Phenix (sub Dudley 68), Dieseruwwe, Touray (sub Askew 68)

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Reserves ready for action



he reserves are hopeful of making a real challenge for the Wearside League title this season.

The team started last season as Horden CW and were struggling near the bottom of the table, but after Quakers took over their fixtures and the name was changed to Darlington FC reserves, then results greatly improved. There was a six game winning run in the spring that helped them finish in a creditable midtable position.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said; "We really believe that we have a squad that is good enough to challenge for the league title. The lads that we put in the team from October onwards showed great improvement as the season progressed, and if that improvement continues and they can be consistent, then I believe that we can be in the title race."

The team has three joint managers – Mark Fanning, Paul Aldsworth and Andrew Jinks, who has replaced Steve Johnson – and have a good mix of 18 to 23 year olds who are developing through the club.

Home games will be played at the Eastbourne Sports Complex in Darlington.

ABOVE: BACK ROW L-R PAUL ALDSWORTH (JOINT MANAGER), LEWIS COCKS, JOSEPH SMITH, JOE FORBES, JAMES BEAUCHAMP, MATT BANCROFT, MARK BROWN, EDDIE PEARSON, MARK FANNING (JOINT MANAGER), NORMAN STEPHENS (CHAIRMAN).

FRONT ROW L- R PETER MURPHY (KIT MAN) CALLUM WEBSTER, LEE HUME, VINNY STEEL, LEO KIRKBRIDE, NATHAN STEPHENSON, DANNY WHEELER, LEWIS WALTON, JOSH MCCLAY, KEIRAN VOSS. ANDREW JINKS (JOINT MANAGER).



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



David Stockdale moved closer back to his north east roots when he signed for Harry Redknapp's Birmingham City during the summer.

Stockdale. who was named in the PFA and EFL championship teams of the year for conceding just 40 goals on Brighton's way to the injury meant he missed most title, moved to Birmingham when his contract with the Seagulls ended on 30th June.

"Coming to play for Harry Redknapp was a big pull," he said. "I spoke to a few lads that had played for him before and they said he's a great man to work for - and he's been promoted many times. That's the biggest aim. I love a challenge. He said that he loves a challenge and he wants me to bring a bit of strong mentality to the team."

FA Trophy final captain lan Miller has been on the move this summer, signing for Cambridge City, who are at Step 4 in the pyramid in the South East section of the



Southern League.

The central defender, now 33. was with Darlington between 2008 and 2011, and he is no stranger to the city of Cambridge having played for United when leading their victorious 2013-14 campaign, winning promotion back to League Two, but an Achilles of the following season.

He was with Needham Market last season, and City manager Robbie Nightingale said: "Agreeing terms with Ian is massive for us. He is a player that I have identified for a long while as someone who will bring the necessary experience and quality to the squad, and he is really pleased to be joining Cambridge City. It's a real statement of intent from us as to where we want to go next season and I am both delighted and excited that he will be part of the City squad for the new campaign."

Dale Hopson, who had two spells with us, has signed for

Blyth Spartans in the National League North.

Hopson was top scorer for Whitby last season with 31 goals from midfield, and was voted into the team of the vear at the EvoStik League awards.

Blyth manager Alun Armstrong, himself another former Darlo player, said; "It has cost us a lot more than I would have wanted to pay to be totally honest. But for someone of his ability, you have to pay."

Whitby manager Chris Hardy said: "Dale is a very talented player and when you can put that many goals on the tally charts, you will draw attention to vourself.

He's played a bit of professional football and has talent in abundance, so Blyth are getting a good player."

Nathan Fisher, who played for us in our first EvoStik League season, has joined West Auckland from Spennymoor Town.



He requested a transfer from Moors after scoring 53 goals in 115 appearances, and manager Jason Ainsley said; "We wish Nathan all the very best in his new venture with West Auckland. He has not only been a fantastic player, but a great lad to go with it. I'm sure he will score lots of goals for them."

Fisher wanted to play more games for Moors, and he was facing competition for a place from other players, such as Graeme Armstrong and **David Dowson**

One of our old favourites. Amar Purewal, has joined West Auckland from Shildon.

Amar, who will always be remembered for the goal that clinched promotion from the Northern League, joined Shildon last season after he left us, but didn't play regularly for the Railwaymen.

Amar played for the Panjab in a friendly against England C. who included our own David Ferguson.



Anthony Peacock, who made 27 appearances for us between 2005 and 2007, has joined Shildon, who are managed by his old Spennymoor team mate, Daniel Moore.

Peacock was part of the Spennymoor squad that reached the Vase final at Wembley in 2013, and after leaving Moors, he played at Billingham Synthonia for a season, clinching promotion with them from the Northern League second division last season. Peacock played for Shildon against us in a pre season friendly.

Mark Cooper has gone back into the Football League as a manager after winning the National League play offs with Forest Green Rovers

Cooper, who had spells in the Football League with Peterborough, Swindon and Notts County as well as helping us win the Trophy, saw his side comfortably beat Tranmere 3-1 in the play off final - although he didn't run

on to the field in celebration when the goals were scored.

"We were brilliant. The young players were very mature and we looked a really good side," he said after the game.

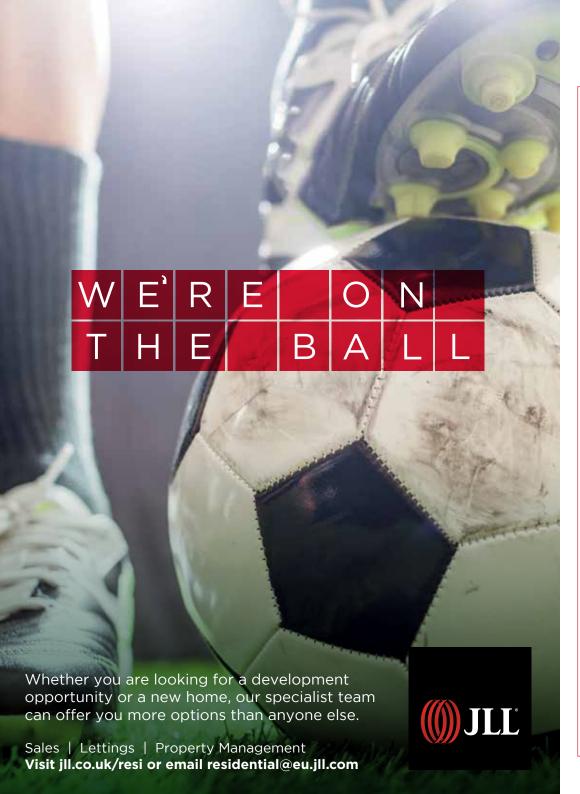
"Two goals up is always a funny score, because one goal changes everything. But we encouraged Tranmere to hit a lot of balls into the box. because our centre-halves are good at heading the ball out of the box, and they did it really comfortably.

"I want to enjoy tonight and savour that moment. The clock seemed to take ages to tick by. The players were magnificent."

Victory also means that keeper Sam Russell, who played for us in that famous 2011 final will be playing in the League again.

Forest Green, which is in Nailsworth in Gloucestershire. have now gained the distinction of being the smallest place to have a Football League team.

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING Chris Sykes

ne of the pre-season promotion favourites, Harrogate Town, began their season in style with an easy 4-0 win over Nuneaton. George Thomson opened the scoring before three goals in the final half hour completed the rout. Jordan Thewlis made it 2-0 on the hour mark, before adding another six minutes later. And a late Simon Ainge penalty ensured Harrogate, who included former Darlington player Josh Falkingham, started the campaign in perfect style.

An own goal from Tyrone Williams 12 minutes from time ensured Chorley took the spoils with a 1-0 win at Kidderminster. Williams had gone close to giving Kiddy a first half lead, while Joe Ironside's header early in the second half forced a good save from keeper Matt Urwin. But Williams turned a cross into his own net late to give Chorley victory in this meeting of two sides who made last season's play-offs.

Fifteen years ago, Stockport County were playing in the old division one, while Spennymoor Town, in their current form, did not exist. However when the sides met at Brewery Field on Saturday, it was last season's NPL play-off winners who triumphed. David Foley's first competitive goal for Moors, four minutes before half time, proved the difference between the sides.

Following the disappointment of relegation last season, Southport began the new season in fine fashion with an easy 4-0 victory over Boston. Goals from Steven Schumacher and Liam Martin gave the Seasiders a 2-0 half time lead. Curtis Jones made it three early in the second half, before Greg Smith was sent off for the visitors. Gary Roberts' strike nine minutes from time completed Boston's misery.

Curzon Ashton made a rapid start to the season, with Max Leonard putting them

2-0 up inside 10 minutes against league newcomers North Ferriby, relegated from the National Division. Niall Cummins and Matthew Crowther added themselves to the scoresheet after the break to give Curzon a 4-0 win and send them joint-top on the opening day.

Another of the early bookies' favourites, York City, had a poor start to their campaign, going down 1-0 at home to AFC Telford, courtesy of Matthew Barnes-Homer's first half goal. The Minstermen had earlier narrowly missed out on taking the lead, with Jon Parkin striking the crossbar.

It took Bradford Park Avenue 17 attempts to get their first win of the campaign last season. This time around, they did it at the first time of asking with a 1-0 win at Tamworth. They had to wait until the 97th minute to get the winner, with Adam Boyes popping up late on to snatch a first opening day victory for Park Avenue since 2010.

Blyth Spartans endured a difficult first game back in the division, as they lost 2-0 away at Alfreton. David Shiels opened the scoring in the first half, before Andre Johnson doubled the advantage in the second half.

Tonight's visitors Gainsborough Trinity, who narrowly avoided the drop last season, began the new campaign in similar fashion, going down 2-1 at home to newly-promoted Leamington. Ashley Worsfold had put Trinity in front. But two goals from Ahmed Obeng saw the league debutants fight back to claim their first win in the division.

And Brackley Town also began their campaign in positive fashion with 2-1 win at home to FC United of Manchester. All the goals came in the second half, with James Armson putting the hosts in front, only for Jason Gilchrist to level. However just four minutes later Andrew Brown scored to give Brackley all three points.



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>> BY DARREN SUTTON

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o, how did you feel when you saw the 2017/18 fixture list for the first time?

Or when you realised that there were even more fully professional teams in our league with greater financial resources than us?

Each of us would have had very different thought processes which would depend very much on whether we have what has been defined as a Fixed or a Growth Mindset (Dweck, 2010).

If you thought something like: "Awww, looks like it's the playoffs at best this season!" You probably have a Fixed Mindset mentality.

Those with a Growth Mindset would think something like: "Wow, the odds are against us, but that's a great opportunity to show everyone exactly what we're capable of."

Successful performers in any sport (or area of

performance) tend to have a strong Growth Mindset. This enables them to direct their thoughts and emotions much more effectively to drive their behaviour and performance and become champions.

Here are some more examples of differences: (see image)

So when you hear Martin or one of our players talking about Mindset, this is what they mean. They embrace challenge and respond very differently to any setbacks than most teams. This is something that we've worked on for several years now.

We've seen many excellent examples of how that mentality shows itself on the pitch, most notably towards the end of last season when our opportunity for promotion was unexpectedly taken away. Many teams would have just given up trying so hard and started to think of summer. Thankfully, our lads pressed on and saw it as an opportunity to prove a point. The great news is that these traits can be developed, the mind can be trained to shift towards a Growth Mindset and there will be more articles like this to help us understand how.

If ever you hear people (including yourself) saying things like "I'm useless at that" or "I'm no good at this" try to encourage them to add a YET after the statement. For example "I'm no good at tackling" or "I'm useless at free kicks" becomes "I'm no good at tackling. YET!".

Just adding that little word at the end of the statement tricks the mind and encourages it to think of new ways to improve. It also encourages the development of a Growth Mindset which is a powerful tool for success in any area of life

Darren is a Performance Psychologist and has worked closely with Darlington FC since 2013. He has studied at The University of Edinburgh and will be undertaking a PhD in Elite Performance later this year

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THE PAST





Darlington start the 2017-18 season in their new Avec-manufactured kit, the home strip having been voted for by fans, while the away option is a very smart dark red kit.

They were launched with the help of Leon Scott and Terry Galbraith, both now seasoned pros at posing for the camera, while back in 2000 Martin Gray helped Ouakers unveil their new look at the time.

From left to right are Lee Nogan, Neil Heaney, MG, Phil Brumwell and Adam Reed in their kits made by Xara.

DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

>> 2017-18





> BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

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> FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

BRADLEY FEWSTER, DAVID FERGUSON, JOSH GILLIES, JOE WHEATLEY, TOM PORTAS, LEON SCOTT, JORDAN RICHARDS, HARVEY SAUNDERS, CHRIS HUNTER, LIAM MARRS, KEVIN BURGESS, NATHAN CARTMAN



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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME (WIZ

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Which member of Abba was not Swedish by birth? What was his/her nationality?
- 2. Who composed the opera 'The Marriage of Figaro'?
- 3. Which element is represented by the chemical symbol Sn?
- 4. To which bird family does the blackbird belong?
- 5. For his role in which film did Humphrey Bogart win his only Oscar?
- 6. What was the name of the inn which featured prominently in the book Treasure Island?
- 7. Which sportsman married Marilyn Monroe in 1954?
- 8. Which English counties are served by BBC Three Counties Radio?
- 9. Who was British Prime Minister at the outbreak of World War 2?
- 10. What is the literal meaning of the word 'alibi'?
- 11. What is the capital city of Latvia?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

- 13. Who was Men's Singles champion at Wimbledon the year before Bjorn Borg's five year reign began?
- 14. What are the two 'ends' at Lord's Cricket Ground traditionally called?
- 15. Which club won the Football League Cup for 4 consecutive seasons from 1981 to 1984?
- 16. What was this competition known as from 1982?
- Three England international footballers were playing in the West German Bundesliga in 1980 - one for FC Köln, one for Hamburg and the other for Werder Bremen. Name them.
- 18. Which cricketing county has three pears depicted on its official badge?
- 19. Which team won the NFL Super Bowl in 2017?
- 20. At which golfing venue did Tony Jacklin win his only Open Championship?
- 21. Which member of the all-conquering West Indies cricket team of the 70s was also a World Cup footballer?
- 22. How many hoops are there on a croquet lawn?

HOW DID YOU DO?

POINTS SCORED

22 - 17 Well done! You're a born scorer and a real fox in the box

16 - 11 Flashes of brilliance on the ball but you lack consistency

10 - 6 Average performance - more work needed on the training ground

5 or less Little awareness of football or, indeed, life in general. Have you considered a job at the FA?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 49



by Simon Weatherill Memory Match

Simon Weatherill returns with his excellent Memory Match series, this week with the 3-0 away win at Cambridge United on 12th August 1972.

The first day of a new season is always a time for great hope and optimism for any football fan. However, the results on day one don't always reflect what might happen in the rest of the season. It is often a day for an unexpected result. When the fixtures were announced for the 1972/73 season, the Quakers were given a difficult away trip to Cambridge United on the opening day. It would be United's third season as a Football League club. They'd been elected into the "club of 92" in 1970 (replacing Bradford Park Avenue) and in their two previous visits the Quakers hadn't yet registered a goal, losing 0-2 and 0-6, so a trip to the Abbey Stadium would be a tricky opener.

Darlington had spent the whole of the previous campaign at the wrong end of Division 4 and had only saved themselves with a good run in the closing weeks of the season. They'd won their last three away games which helped to move them up to sixth from bottom in the table, escaping the dreaded bottom four re-election places by 2 points. There'd been changes during the summer and hopes were high that things would be different in the 72/73 season.

New manager Allan Jones had added four new players to his threadbare squad,

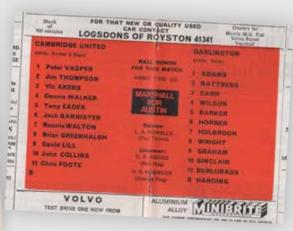
but he had lost some vital experience as well. Ken Hale had left the club to take up a coaching role at Halifax and long serving full back John Peverell had to retire from the game due to a long-standing thigh injury. The 31 year old Peverell had appeared 465 times for the Quakers, placing him second only to Ron Greener in the clubs all time appearance list. "Pev" would be sorely missed from the Quakers defence. Incredibly, Peverell's retirement meant that 20 year old Peter Carr was now the club's longest serving player! Jones had added goalkeeper Ernie Adams, signed from Crewe, full back Clive Nattress from Blackpool, midfielder Steve Holbrook from Hull City and winger Don Burluraux from Middlesbrough. All four new players would play at Cambridge. Alan Sproates was unavailable as he was finishing a coaching job in Canada, while Norman Lees was ruled out with an ankle injury. Centre forward Peter Graham had also been struggling all week with an ankle problem. He travelled to Cambridge with the team but was only considered fit enough for a place on the bench.

4178 were at the Abbey Stadium to see the new season kick off in bright sunshine, and it only took the Quakers eight minutes to open the scoring. Under

pressure from Alan Harding. the Cambridge right half Dennis Walker attempted to play the ball back to his keeper Peter Vasper but he under hit his pass and Harding nipped in to stab the ball home before the keeper could claim it. The visitors continued to press forward and Colin Sinclair had two attempts at goal in quick succession. First he headed narrowly over the bar and then he seized on more dodgy home defending to fire in a shot from 30 yards out, which sailed wide. Cambridge hit back and on 15 minutes Clive Nattress headed one off the line and Ernie Adams had to be alert to collect the return shot. Cambridge came more into the game and pushed the Quakers back, putting them under severe pressure. A succession of crosses were headed away by Barker. Nattress and Wright as the visitors defence held firm. Then, on 28 minutes, with an equaliser looking likely, Darlington broke out of defence and doubled their lead. It was another defensive blunder by Cambridge that allowed Steve Holbrook time and space in the area to steer the ball past an out of position Vasper for a goal on his debut.

The home side stormed back immediately with two dangerous attacks. Brian Greenhalgh (who'd helped





himself to four goals in the previous seasons encounter) headed just over and in the next attack David Lill crashed a shot against the underside of the bar. Incredibly, on 33 minutes, the Quakers broke away again and added a third goal. Holbrook made progress down the right and squared the ball into the box towards Colin Sinclair. Thompson missed his tackle and Sinclair slammed his shot past the helpless keeper.

The second half was almost one way traffic as the Quakers sat back and absorbed the home side's pressure. Greenhalah missed a great chance early in the half from close range, which could have changed things but United quickly ran out of ideas against a strong defence in which new signings Nattress and Adams were impressive and new club captain Geoff Barker was outstanding. Terry Eades did put the ball into the Darlington net after 55 minutes but the whistle had already gone for a foul. That was the last moment

of concern for the Quakers, who ran out comfortable 3-0 winners in the end. Indeed, they always looked dangerous on the break and could even have added to their lead.

The 3-0 victory turned out to be Darlington's best result of the season. Things went rapidly downhill after the opening day. Jones lost another of his experienced players in the following week when Billy Horner left to become coach at York City. The voung, inexperienced team won only one more away game all season (2-0 at Barnsley in October). Peter Carr was sold to Carlisle for £5000 in November, and Allan Jones was replaced as manager by Ralph Brand in December, as the club slumped to the bottom of the table, a position they remained in for the rest of the season, eventually finishing

with 29 points. In 46 league games they'd managed only 7 wins and scored only 42 goals, both statistics their worst ever as a league club. Supporters voted with their feet and the average Feethams attendance was 1697, the lowest in the club's history. Cambridge recovered from their opening day defeat. It was one of only two home defeats all season and they finished in third place in the table and were promoted to Division 3.

Cambridge produced a 16 page programme, priced at 5p (including Football League Review). It includes very little reference to their visitors. Just a brief introduction and then a list of club records. (Record win, record defeat, most appearances, record transfer fees paid and received etc.) The team line ups were on the centre pages.

Team v Cambridge: 1 Ernie Adams 2 Clive Nattress 3 Billy Horner 4 Peter Carr 5 Geoff Barker 6 Mick Wright 7 John Wilson 8 Colin Sinclair 9 Alan Harding 10 Steve Holbrook 11 Don Burluraux Sub Peter Graham (not used)



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On This Day

We start a new nostalgia series in today's programme, looking back on this day over the years.

August 5th 2006, League Two

Darlington 4 Macclesfield 0, Attendance 4,095

Barry Conlon marked his return to the club with a hat trick on his debut.

It was a stroll in the sun for Quakers, as big Baz scored on 32, 41 and 73 minutes after Tano Giallanza had opened the scoring.

Darlington: Russell, Martis (sub Holloway), Hutchinson, Collins, James, Keltie, Ngoma (sub Duke), Cummins, M Smith (sub Johnson), Giallanza, Conlon

Subs not used: Wainwright, Logan

August 9th 2008, League Two

Darlington 1 Exeter City 1, Attendance 3,559

Quakers had just missed out in the play offs the season before against Rochdale, and so were determined to start the new season well against Exeter, who had just won promotion back to the Football League.

We were well on top in the first half, with Jason Kennedy hitting the bar and Billy Clarke



going close. We went in front with a penalty before half by Rob Purdie following a foul by Exeter full back George Friend (now at Middlesbrough), but Exeter equalised in the second half.

Darlington: Brown, Purdie, White, Foster, Fortune (Austin 71), Poole, Kennedy, Ravenhill (Hulbert 69), Griffin, Proudlock (Blundell 69), Clarke.

Subs not used: Kazimierczak, Miller.

August 8th 2009, League Two

Aldershot 3 Darlington 1, Attendance 2,866

The first game of the season eight years ago was just after Quakers had come out of our second administration, and newly appointed manager Colin Todd barely had time to prepare.

We were 2-0 down at half time, then Aldershot scored another at the start of the second half before David Dowson, on loan from Sunderland, scored a late consolation.

Darlington: Knight, Arnison, Bower, Foster (sub Plummer), Miller, G Smith, Lumsdon, J Smith, Convery (sub Dowson 55), Thorpe (sub Chandler 55), Windass.

Subs not used: Liversedge, Bennett, Groves, Riley

August 6th 2016, Vanarama National League North

Altrincham 2 Darlington 2, Attendance 1.506

In our first ever game in the Vanarama National League North, we came from behind twice to draw 2-2 at Altrincham

Altrincham led twice, but a header by Kevin Burgess on 80 minutes and a stoppage time penalty by Terry Galbraith earned Quakers a point.

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

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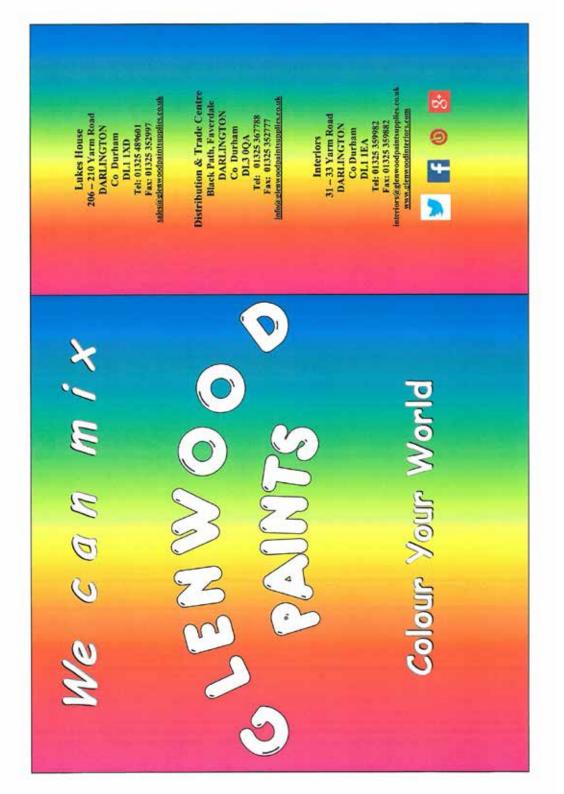
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The Quakers

Good Evening and welcome to a new season at the ever developing Blackwell Meadows.

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the summer fundraising for the pitch,
development work and playing budget
and together we can look forward to an
exciting season.

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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

I am personally delighted to see the official FITC back up and running and been steered by my good friend Deano Browne. It's off to a great start and match day experiences are booked up until November. If your school or group want to sample the Darlington FC matchday experience, then drop them a line on fitc@darlingtonfc.org

Finally, I'd like to wish David Johnston, our new chief executive officer, the best of luck at the helm of the Club. I'm sure there will be more changes off the pitch to continue to develop commercial activity and take us to the next level in these areas.

I have handed over sponsorship and advertising renewals due to my personal circumstances but remain a volunteer for the club and will be assisting as and where I can in all areas.

All the best to the lads tonight.

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DFCSG uotes

Good evening and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows for our first home Vanarama National League North fixture of the season versus Gainsborough Trinity.

t's been a little while since we've communicated about the current fundraising status so I wanted to share with you what's happening and what's planned to happen in the coming weeks and months. As you'll have seen, we've managed to hit two stages of fundraising so far and are making good progress on the others:

1) Pitch drainage and resurfacing - £43,000 was pledged, £40,000 of which has now been collected - a huge thanks to all of those who have pledged and paid and enabled the work to take place already. If you've still not paid your pledge could you please do so as soon as possible. I'm sure you'll agree the pitch is looking resplendent in today's sunshine (fingers crossed) and it'll certainly help the quality of football played whilst also hopefully mitigating the chance of postponements during the wetter months.

2) Seated stand construction groundworks - again this target was hit a few weeks ago allowing us to instruct our building partner JR&M Richardson's to begin work. A total of £40,000 was pledged to enable this and at time of writing we've collected around £33,000. As invoices are now coming in it's vital that we get the remaining pledges in as soon as possible. I appreciate that summer holidays don't always make it easy to make these payments promptly. If your circumstances have changed and you can no longer go ahead with your pledge it's vital that you let us know so that we can make a contingency plan.

3) Seated stand construction steel works - pledges currently

stand at £7,500 of the £50,000 target. There has been a considerable down of late and although this is mitigated somewhat due to the off season and an expensive time of the season with season ticket renewals and new shirts etc.

It's a constant challenge to the

DFCSG as to how we keep the

money coming in. I'm fully aware that as a group of fans we've had to dig extremely deep over the last five years and even more so over the last twelve months as we strive to build a facility fit to play at the level which we aspire to. Due to starting with a blank piece of paper five years ago and not having the luxury of teams such as Halifax, Chester and Hereford who have been able to restart in a ground fit for league football, it's put an extra pressure on us but any investment on the ground is an investment in the club's long term future. I therefore appeal to the hard core supporters who attend each week to compliment the 250 or so that have invested in the ground via varying schemes so far. The crowdfunding model works as a result of many people funding small amounts. Community shares are repayable over time and can be bought for as little as £100. 750 people investing £100 would get us to our current target for improving the ground for promotion eligibility. Community share certificates

have been digitally produced for those pledges paid and are waiting to go to print. In order to save on postage costs they will be available to collect at Quaker Retail in the coming weeks and at home games from the DFCSG fans table situated in the Tom

Watson bar. If you are unable to get to either in the coming months please let us know and we can post out to you. The start date for interest purposes will be set to the date your pledge was paid.

4) The Boost the Budget

donation scheme which has reached over £41,000 has been vital in closing some of the gap from last year and enabled Martin to retain key players and build a competitive squad for the forthcoming season. As our CEO David Johnston mentioned in his recent communication the club is working with our accountant to look at financial projections both for this year and the following two years after that

All current fund raising schemes can be found on the DFCSG website.

DFCSG Membership renewals are due at the end of August and we've now opened the window for those who wish to renew early - all renewals will run to the end of August 2018 regardless of when renewed. By opening this window early it gives the hardy volunteers more time to process memberships and of course brings funding into the DFCSG which is always invested in the long term future of the club. Of course if you're not yet a member you can sign up right now and you'll also get membership until August 2018. You can sign up quickly online on the supporters group website.

Enjoy the game!

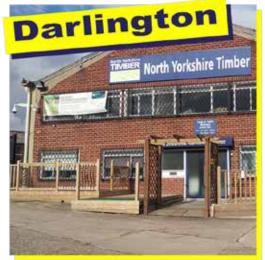
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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



n 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 makeup, 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 lifethreatening injury or concern.

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

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

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



QUAKER

with Lynn Jasper

Good afternoon everyone. It's great to be back and let's hope it's the start of an exciting season for us all both on and off the pitch.

Quaker Retail Opening Hours

We continue to open in the Dolphin Centre five days a week from 10-1. We will of course open at other times if there is a need eg for match ticket sales or the run up to Christmas where we open up at the end of November and through December on Sundays. Our contact number is 07488 564642 if you need to get in touch with us during shop opening hours. We can only receive incoming calls on this number. Our online shop of course is always open for you and thank you to all those people who shop with us regularly both in the UK and around the world



Home and Away Shirts

First of all a big thank vou to evervone who pre-ordered their shirts this season and they were delivered as we had hoped in June so we had a lot of happy customers. It's always great to see so many of you wearing the new shirts and thank vou to those who sent pictures of themselves wearing them. The new claret away shirt has proved to be very popular with all ages and is selling well. Junior shirts cost £30 and adults £35 so there is no increase on last season's price.

Many of you have also bought full strips this

season and matched up shorts and socks with their shirts. A full junior kit costs £47 and a full adult £57. There is also a saving of £2 if you buy just the shirt and shorts.



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Goalkeeper Kit

We also have a new range of Goalkeeper kits this season. The club have chosen green, yellow and tangerine and you can buy a shirt for a junior for £33 and an adult for £38. We also have shorts and







socks to match the shirts. If you would like a full kit it costs £50 for juniors and £60 for adults. We already have some budding goalkeepers wearing our new kits.

Leisurewear



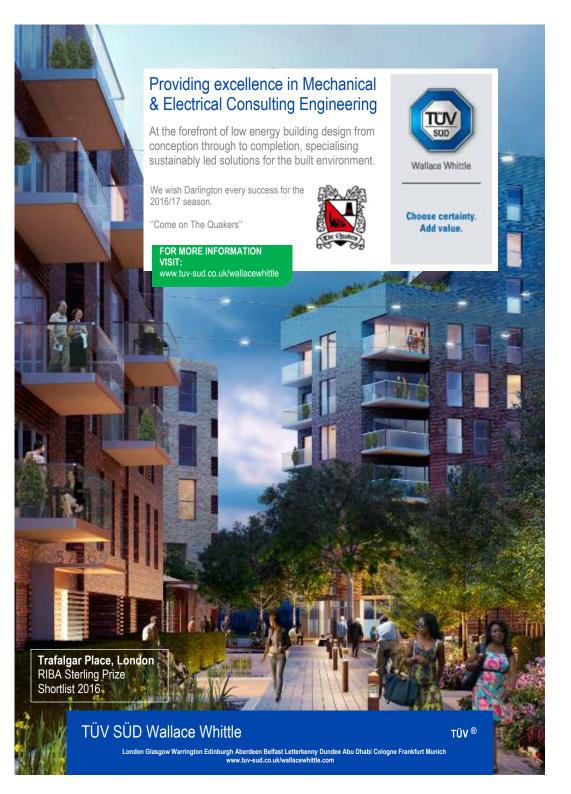
Our new leisurewear range is also proving popular. Avec have produced a new Fusion Range this year. Our summer shirts include a lightweight jersey in black or red and a polo shirt available in black or claret both priced at £25. Our midlayer which has long sleeves and is available in black is ideal to put on after sport or under a coat for an extra layer. They are priced at £33. For our sporting fans

we have a new range of track jacket which comes in black or red and has matching track pants in black. The jacket is £36 and the pants £30. You can see all of the items in our shop on matchday or have a browse on the online shop.

I'll introduce you to more of our new lines in the next programme.

We always look forward to meeting you whether it be at the matches or in our shop. Every penny spent in the shop goes to Darlington Football Club so please keep spending.

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



Quakers launch Football in

the Community scheme!



arlington Football Club has launched a new Football in the Community initiative.

The club sees a Football in the Community scheme as an ideal way of strengthening its links with the community, by encouraging local primary school pupils to enjoy a matchday experience at a Darlington FC game in the Vanarama National League North, and also introducing them to football as a great way of keeping fit and improving their social and football skills

And in turn, the club hopes that the youngsters will become regular supporters of the club - and bring their friends and parents to games as well!

The club's matchday experience has been a popular innovation over the last five years. Youngsters receive an hour's coaching, then have a meal, a tour of the ground, a chat and photos with the players in the Darlington FC dressing room and compete in a penalty shootout on the field, as well as watching the game!

The club can also deliver a series of football coaching sessions, which include the matchday experience, or one-off specialist football coaching sessions to schools.

The lead coach of the initiative is Deano Browne, who has plenty of experience of Football in the Community schemes, and is a qualified UEFA B Coach. He will be liaising with all the local

schools in the town.

"Our aim is to persuade more youngsters who live in Darlington to become interested in the club. There are lots of them wearing the shirts of Premiership clubs, we would like to see more wearing Darlington shirts instead," he said. "Through our football coaching sessions, we can offer enrichment in various ways for all the youngsters."

Deano knows plenty about Football in the Community. He attended an FITC scheme when the club previously organised them, and then he became a coach and a helper ten years ago.

Several schools have already approached Deano about the FITC scheme, and he expects to strengthen relationships once the school term restarts in early September.

David Johnston, the chief executive officer of Darlington FC, points out that there are advantages for everybody involved. "We pride ourselves as being an integral part of the Darlington community, and with that we have a social responsibility by providing a matchday experience for children and visiting their schools to demonstrate the

benefits of playing football and staying healthy.

"Engaging with the community is one of our main aims, and hopefully some of these children will become regular fans of our family-friendly club."

Do you want your school to be involved in Football in the Community? Drop Deano a line on fitc@darlingtonfc.org

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

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

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Adam Bartlett	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	1	18	0
Gary Brown	1	0	0	0	0	0	152	3	11	0	16	2
Kevin Burgess	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	2	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	27	5	1	33	2
James Caton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dominic Collins	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	1	0	0	0	2	0	17	1	0	0	3	0
Terry Galbraith	1	0	0	0	0	0	166	14	14	1	52	2
Josh Gillies	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	8	2	0	10	0
Chris Hunter	1	0	0	0	0	0	132	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	3	0	0	0
Tom Portas	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	14	7	0	9	0
Jordan Richards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey Saunders	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	2	0
Leon Scott	0	1	0	0	0	0	155	30	14	1	20	0
David Syers	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	9	1	1	9	0
Stephen Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	8	14	3	67	6
Phil Turnbull	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	1	2	1	1	0
Arran Wearmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Ed Wilczynski	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0

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

Last match



V Salford (away) won 2-0

The club is sad to learn about the death of Darlington businessman Mike Airey.

Mike, who died last week at the age of 59, was a great friend of Darlington Football Club for several years, particularly in the early nineties.

Mike was the branch manager of Barclays Bank in High Row, and as well being an avid fan, professionally he was a very understanding friend, whose discretion in extending the bank's facilities helped the club in challenging financial circumstances.

Gordon Hodgson, who was a director for several years, said: "As Barclays Bank branch manager, Mike was very instrumental in keeping the club going in some dark days in 1991 and 1992, and without his help, the club definitely wouldn't have survived."

Mike's funeral is at All Saints Church, Ravensdale Road, Darlington, on Thursday at midday.

The club would like to send its condolences to Mike's wife and family.



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DFCSG is running coaches to all away matches. The coaches leave from Park Place, Darlington and arrive at their destination around 90 minutes before kick-off. Our next scheduled away trips are to York City on Tuesday 15th August, departing at 5.15pm and North Ferriby United on Saturday 26th August, departing at 11am. The fare to York will be £12 and £20 to North Ferriby, but 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.



Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website at: http://www.darlingtonfcsupportersgroup.org/?page=fanstravel

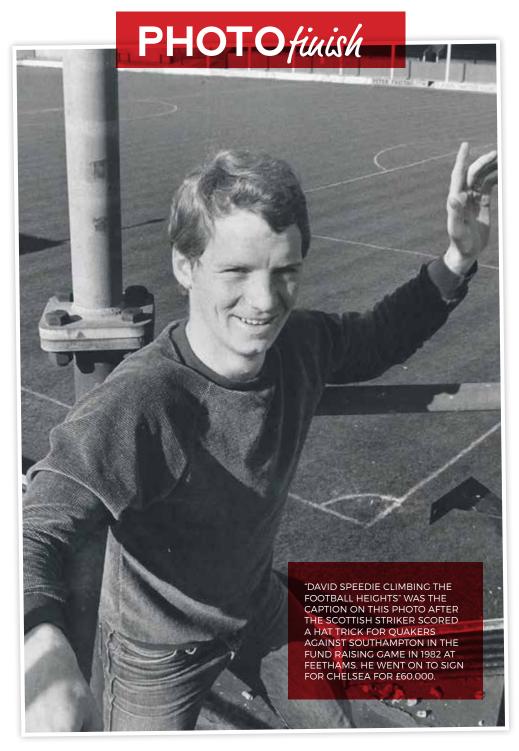
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Saturday 19th August AFC Telford United, kick off 3pm

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