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# FROM THE dugout

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

We have been really looking forward to this game against Gloucester City this afternoon.

We look forward to every game, but everyone in the dressing room knows that we let ourselves down last week against Nuneaton, and there were lessons to be learned.

We want to put things right on the field.

We have worked harder than normal this week on training, with the emphasis on avoiding basic errors that have cost us points in recent games.

I was asked after the game last week if we were being punished more because we're playing in a higher league, but in my opinion some of the mistakes that we have made are pretty basic, and that's what we have been concentrating on rectifying this week in training. Nevertheless, we still have a very good squad of talented players who have taken us into play off contention this season, and are well capable of at least achieving that aim. We are still aiming high, we are very determined to bring success to this football club this season. I am certainly not the kind of person who will take second best.

I have been working hard on adding to the squad this week, by the time you read this I hope to have signed at least one new player.

Thanks once again for your support, it has been fantastic to see so many of you in our first two home games at Blackwell Meadows.

*Martin*



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*Kev Burgess writes for the Quaker programme.*

# CAPTAIN Kev

## GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE!

We're all dead keen to bounce back today after last Saturday's defeat.

There's no point in being deflated and dwelling about it, and we have to work to put things right.

It's fair to say that the manager had a few words to say to us straight after the end of the game. The result really hurt everybody, to be close to picking up a point and then to have it snatched away was heartbreaking.

We never looked in any danger of losing, and at the final whistle we all looked at each other as if to ask how we managed to lose.

Maybe we were naïve in going all out for the winner. There have been a few times in the past when we won games with late, late goals, and maybe we all thought we were going to do the same again.

But Nuneaton caught us on the break, and gave us a lesson in how to win a game on the counter attack, although their lad finished really well. It was a like a knife to the heart.

We have to put it all behind us, and use the experience as motivation today!

On the plus side, young Harvey Saunders made a great impact when he came on as a sub against Nuneaton, and he was really unlucky not to score just after he came on, their keeper pulled off a great save. He had plenty of pace that caused them problems, and he didn't look out of place. When you consider that he was chucked in at the deep end, he did really well indeed.

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

*Kev*

Saturday 14th January 2017

Captain's Notes



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# Coming to town...

*Like us, Gloucester City were also formed in 1883 and have played home games in recent years on different grounds.*

The club was officially formed on March 5th 1883, and Gloucester AFC, as they were then known, did not play their first game until February 9th 1884 when a match was advertised as the first in the city under Association Rules, losing 1-3 to Warmley. Unfortunately, the first venture was to last only three seasons and folded in 1886.

A group of players keen to have a major team in Gloucester played eight fixtures in 1888-89, and after two games they were known as 'Gloucester Nomads' due to the lack of a home venue. It was these players who passed the baton on to two enthusiasts of the game who re-formed the club in September 1889, they being the Reverend Henry Lloyd Brereton, a local Headmaster, and Charles Poole, assistant Headmaster at a local Grammar school.

The club became members of the Bristol and District League, which became the Western League. Although Gloucester AFC did not participate in the inaugural season of 1892-93, the historic first league match was the following season away to Bedminster on Saturday 30 September 1893, losing 2-3.

In 1934-35, after winning both the Cup and League, City turned semi-professional, joined the Birmingham Combination and moved to a new stadium in Longlevens in which the club stayed for the next 26 years.

They won the Tillotson Cup for being the best club in the Combination, and then had former Chelsea and Wolverhampton Wanderers striker Reg Weaver blow away all records with his stunning tally of 67 goals in the 1937-38 season.

In 1939 the club participated in the Southern Football League for the very first time, albeit in a restricted wartime competition as they took

part in the west section, a league they would spend the next 70 years in, becoming the longest serving members.

For three consecutive seasons, 1948-51, the club reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, each time losing to League opponents: Mansfield Town, Norwich City and Bristol City. The attendance record was set at Longlevens in 1952 when Stan Myers scored both goals to beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 in front of 10,500 spectators, a side which included the superstars of the day such as Alf Ramsey, Ted Ditchburn, Charlie Withers and Les Medley.

It took until the 1955-56 season for Gloucester to taste success, a famous Southern League Cup final win against Yeovil Town in which City had lost the first leg 4-1, only to beat Yeovil 5-1 in the second leg to win their first Southern League honour.

The club moved grounds again in 1964, from Longlevens to the massive Horton Road stadium, closer to the centre of Gloucester. City were promoted to the Southern Football League Premier Division in the 1968-69 season.

In the 1981-82 season a sixth place finish was enough to clinch a place in the reformed Premier Division. They were also runners-up in the League Cup, going down 1-2 to Wealdstone, who included future England captain Stuart Pearce in their ranks. Despite Kim Kasey scoring 40 goals, the club were relegated to the Midland Division in 1984-85, after three seasons in the Premier Division. It is generally seen as one of the lowest moments in the club's history.

The club again moved in 1986 to the Hempstead area and Meadow Park. In 1988 chairman Geoff Hester wanted to appoint a new manager and

# Gloucester City



## / The Squad

**Manager** Tim Harris

**Goalkeepers** Jasbir Singh, Phil Clarke

**Defenders** Sam Avery, Spencer Hamilton, Jack Deaman, Kieran Thomas, Leroy Odiero

**Midfielders** Lewis Hall, James Fitzgibbon, Tom Webb, Joe Hanks, Calvin Dinsley, Chris Knowles, Edward Williams, Karnell Chambers, Ross Finnie

**Forwards** Craig Reid, Ethan Moore, Joe Parker, Luke Hopper, Antonio Alcaraz,

## Previous seasons

2015/16 Conference North Played 42 Points 50 Position 15th  
2014/15 Conference North Played 42 Points 52 Position 14th  
2013/14 Conference North Played 42 Points 44 Position 17th  
2012/13 Conference North Played 42 Points 54 Position 11th  
2011/12 Conference North Played 42 Points 52 Position 14th

## Recent Results

January 7th Altrincham (away) won 1-0 Parker  
December 26th Brackley (away) lost 0-3  
December 17th v AFC Fylde (home) lost 1-5 Avery  
December 3rd v Stockport (home) lost 0-1  
November 26th Trophy v AFC Fylde (home) lost 2-3 Hall, Parker.  
November 22nd v Kidderminster Harriers (away) lost 0-3

## Next four matches:

January 21st Tamworth (home)  
January 28th Worcester (away)  
February 4th Nuneaton (away)  
February 11th Salford City (home)



TIM HARRIS



CALVIN DINSLLEY



CHRIS KNOWLES



CRAIG REID



SAM AVERY



# Coming to town...

# Gloucester City



after an exhaustive search found his man: former Aston Villa and Wales player Brian Godfrey. Players such as Lance Morrison, Steve Talboys, Wayne Noble and Brian Hughes were among those who walked to the Championship title, but the most important signing came just before Christmas when Chris Townsend joined from Cheltenham Town. It was a very competitive league and was actually the penultimate game of the season at King's Lynn's The Walks Stadium that saw City crowned Champions.

The next big achievement of the Godfrey years was the famous FA Cup run to Cardiff City in the second round of the 1989-90 competition. The Tigers suffered heartbreak after being 2-0 up at Ninian Park with just five minutes to go but Cardiff pulled two goals back, and they were beaten 1-0 in the replay at Meadow Park.

The 1990-91 season was one of the most exciting ever seen at the club as they chased promotion to the Conference. On the final day, despite premature celebrations from the thousands of City fans that had travelled to see a victory at Bromsgrove Rovers, Farnborough had scored a winner three minutes from time to be promoted to the Conference instead.

Into the 1991-92 season, one that promised to start where the previous one had left off, and the bombshell hit City that backer Les Alderman had left the club. The squad was ripped apart: major players were released for derisory sums, some went unpaid and took the club to the FA and forced a transfer embargo. The club survived the next few seasons under the guidance of Chairman George Irvine but had crippling debts and were about to fold when Keith Gardner stepped in.

West Ham United and Bristol City striker Leroy Rosenior took over the club and had to virtually rebuild the team from scratch after most of the players had walked out. Dale Watkins was signed from Rushden and Diamonds for the 1996-7 season, with Adie Mings from Bath City and

record signing David Holmes being persuaded back. This formed one of the most potent front lines in non-league football and it was no surprise to see the Tigers beat all comers. Despite having to play manager Leroy Rosenior in goal against Kingstonian in their first game in the FA Trophy, City managed to reach the semi-final before being beaten by Dagenham & Redbridge after a dramatic replay.

The cup run proved to be a thorn in the side for City as they had to play three games a week to claw back games in hand and eventually lost out to Cheltenham Town in the race for second spot, after champions Gresley Rovers had been denied promotion due to the state of their ground.

City struggled to keep their heads above water and the club's weekly playing budget was slashed. Managers came and went until club legend Chris Burns came in and steadied the ship. He was tempted back to Meadow Park from Forest Green Rovers and brought with him a largely untried bunch of young players. It took the side a while to find its feet, and they had some real setbacks too (namely a 1-7 home defeat at the hands of Bedworth United), but gradually began to look the part.

Just before Christmas 2000 Meadow Park was struck another hammer blow when the River Severn burst its banks for the second time in a decade. The club was unable to hold matches at the ground for six weeks as the environmental health inspector ruled that Meadow Park wasn't fit for public occupancy. The lack of revenue for the club almost saw it go under and it meant that due to non-payment of players several walked out on the club.

However, in November 2001 ex-director Colin Gardner returned to the club to take over the chairmanship. Working hand in hand with the Supporters' Club, together they settled disputes with ex-players and lifted the contract restraints imposed by the FA.

If ever the feeling that the club was bouncing

back, then the 2002-03 season proved it. Off the field, a deal was struck between the club and Eamonn McGurk, where the latter bought the ground and took on the majority of the clubs debts. Financially, the club made a trading profit for the first time and were within reach of wiping out all of the historical debts. On the field Burns' young team upset a lot of the more fancied challengers, brought on some of the younger players and reached the quarter finals of the FA Trophy.

The 2003-04 season saw further progress with the Tigers finishing second in the Western Division and gaining promotion to the Premier Division. At the end of the season, Colin Gardner stepped down as the highly respected chairman. Chris Burns resigned as manager in January 2006, Neil Mustoe took over as caretaker-manager until the permanent appointment of Tim Harris from Merthyr Tydfil was made.

In July 2007, Meadow Park was affected by the Gloucestershire flooding that engulfed the county. The club was hit with almost eight feet of water, almost submerging the crossbar; this forced the club to move away from Gloucester for the first time in its history. City were scheduled to play a pre-season friendly against Bath City at home just days later and it looked like this local derby fixture would not be played. However in a fantastic gesture of goodwill, Bath offered to play the match at their home stadium Twerton Park, with all the money from gate receipts going to Gloucester City.

The club's first season of exile was at Forest Green Rovers' New Lawn Stadium. Despite the loss of a stadium and revenue stream the club finished a creditable 6th in the league, just outside the play-off places. Bristol Rovers legend David "Boris" Mehew took over the club reigns in 2008 with Tim Harris moving 'upstairs.' Mehew preceded over one of the greatest seasons in the club's history. City finished 3rd in the Southern Premier League thus qualifying for the play-offs, in which they beat Cambridge City and

then Farnborough to end a 70 year continuous association with the Southern Football League, and gaining promotion to Conference Football for the first time.

In a controversial decision, the F.A. placed the club in the Conference North for the 2009-10 season, they finished 18th in its maiden Conference season. Near the end of the club's first Conference North campaign, new F.A. ground regulations meant that Cirencester Town's Corinium Stadium would not be suitable for use in the following season meaning if the club failed to find a suitable new home, it would be forcibly relegated. It was announced in March 2010 that the club would be groundsharing with major rivals Cheltenham Town for the foreseeable future.

The club has retained its Conference North place ever since, with increasingly elevated positions in the final league table. The Tigers also saw success in cup competitions, succumbing to a last minute goal against Luton Town in the FA Trophy 4th Round in 2011 and in the FA Cup, qualifying for the First Round proper for the first time since 1989, losing 2-0 at home to League One outfit Leyton Orient in 2013. The club repeated the success for a second year running, losing 2-0 once again, this time to League Two Fleetwood Town.

On February 22nd 2014, the club announced they had parted company with manager David Mehew following a 1-1 draw with North Ferriby United with his Tigers' side second from bottom in the Conference North and seven points adrift from safety. Five days later it was announced that former City goalkeeper and Newport County Director of Football Tim Harris had rejoined the club to take over as manager for a second time. The club finished the season in 17th position, some 12 points clear of the drop zone.

In the last two seasons, City have finished in 14th and 15th positions, and have lost in the fourth qualifying round of the FA cup twice.



# Coming to town...



TOM WEBB

**Tom Webb (Midfielder – Club captain)** A bonafide club legend. Gloucester-born Tom is the all-time record appearance holder for City having made over 650 appearances for the club, breaking Stan Myers' fifty year old appearance record in November 2010 despite still being in his twenties. All-action midfielder and a product of Gloucester City Youth, he broke into the first team aged sixteen in April 2001 and has been an instrumental part of the team ever since, with his absence noticeable when he's not on the pitch.

**Ethan Moore (Forward)** Ethan is a prolific goalscorer who signed for the Tigers after hitting 27 goals for Cinderford Town in 2015/16, firing them to the league title. Having played for teams like Southampton, Aston Villa and Cheltenham Town, Ethan also has experience at National League North level with Worcester City where he scored 13 times in 15 matches.

**Ross Finnie (Midfielder)** A central midfielder, Ross Finnie arrived at Wolves as an eight-year-old all the way back in 2006, having been born in Scotland. A Scottish international at Under-16 and Under-17 level he has represented his country in the Victory Shield. Ross is currently on loan with Gloucester from Wolves.



ETHAN MOORE



LUKE HOPPER CELEBRATES

MARK BECK SCORES  
AT GLOUCESTER

## Last time we met

AUGUST 21ST 2016 | GLOUCESTER CITY 1 DARLINGTON 2

Darlington moved up to joint third in the Vanarama National League North with a hard fought 2-1 away win at Cheltenham, the temporary home of opponents Gloucester City. The biggest talking point of the game as far as Quakers were concerned was who scored the first goal – Liam Hardy or Stephen Thompson?

Quakers successfully came from behind in the first half to lead at the interval, and in the second half they showed the other side of their game by giving hardly anything away.

Their only real slip up was after 13 minutes, when left back Terry Galbraith, whilst trying to clear a cross by Tom Webb from the left, miskicked the ball from six yards out past his own keeper Peter Jameson.

Quakers then took the game to their opponents and caused havoc in the Gloucester defence with some good set pieces at which the giant Mark Beck and team mates Kevin Burgess and Gary Brown always caused problems.

Quakers levelled on 21 minutes, when a setpiece by Josh Gillies from the left fell for Stephen Thompson on the far right. Thompson cut inside and chipped the ball left footed to the far post, where Liam Hardy glanced home his third goal of the season.

Beck and Hardy both went close before Quakers

grabbed what turned out to be a deserved winner.

Gary Brown hurled the ball in from the right, and Beck outjumped his marker and beat keeper Jas Singh with a looping header that dropped in at the far post.

Quakers had more defending to do in the second half as Gloucester took more risks, but the only action that Jameson saw was when Webb burst through in the inside left position, and the keeper pushed away his shot.

After that, Jameson was protected well by his defence, in which Burgess and Brown were outstanding, and Quakers nearly got a third when Gillies and Beck set up Hardy, but his low shot was well saved.

**Darlington:** Jameson, Marrs (sub Hunter 81), Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Gillies, Portas, Beck, Hardy (sub Cartman 72), Thompson (sub Scott 63)

**Subs not used:** Bell, Mitchell

**Cheltenham:** Singh, Thomas, Hall, Avery, Deaman, Knowles, Hanks (sub Dinsley 80), Webb, Hopper, Parker (sub Reid 59), Williams (sub Kotwica 59).

**Subs not used:** Chambers, Richards

**Attendance:** 665





DARLINGTON MIDFIELDER LEON SCOTT IS HOPING THAT HIS LATEST VENTURE INTO THE WORLD OF E-BOOKS WILL HELP OTHERS.

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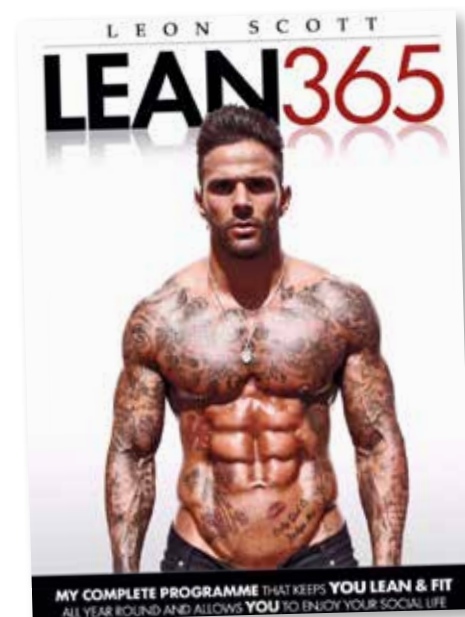
Leon, who has established an envious reputation as a male model (thanks to him the club's 2016 calendar sold out!), is a strong believer in staying fit by exercising correctly and eating the right things, and now he's written an e book about how to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

And the book isn't just aimed at hunks like Leon. He says "It's aimed at people from 8 to 80, so it's not a case of you can have a body like mine!"

"The e book has gone down really well since it went on sale," he said. "There have been some very good reviews which have helped sell it, some of those have come from celebrities who have been on Big Brother and Geordie Shore. Not only those, but Robert Snodgrass who plays for Norwich City, has also spoken kindly of it. There has been great support from a lot of people.

"It's aimed at any age group, male or female. It's based on adopting a healthy lifestyle, eating the right things and having plenty of exercise such as going regularly to the gym, which is what I do.

"It's about helping people to find the right balance in their lifestyle, and to think about how they can improve it. I'm not saying that people should go the gym for two or three hours every day or go on a strict diet, it's about finding what's best for themselves using the simple advice in the e book."



On the field, Leon has regained a regular place in the side recently -- there isn't an ounce of fat on him (at least that's what the ladies say) -- and he said; "I hadn't played for a few games, but I kept myself right and I kept my head up, and I think I've done well since I got back in.

"Our recent results could have been more in our favour. The games against Kidderminster, Halifax and Nuneaton have gone against us, but it's not as if we've been cut open by the good play of opposing teams.

"We've made mistakes that seem to be punished every time. When we were in the Northern League, we made mistakes and got away with them, but not in this league. Mistakes are costing us -- we all know that, so it's up to us to put them right."

Even though Quakers come into today's game in sixth place, Leon and the rest of the players are still aiming high.

"It will be a big disappointment if we don't finish in the play offs at least. We're under a little bit of pressure, but we don't mind -- we're all thoroughly enjoying it.

"We're sitting in a good place at the moment, and we're quite capable of putting a good run together again.

"We've achieved a lot so far, and we can achieve even more. We need everybody to keep pulling in the same direction."





# FROM THE Boardroom:

JONATHAN JOWETT

At the time of writing this message we are reflecting on the second match played at Blackwell Meadows. A disappointing result, but a great crowd, and there were operational improvements as against Boxing Day. There is still more we can and will do to improve the matchday experience, but thanks to all those who have come down to support the team.

The next event we need to focus on is to hold our Annual General Meeting, at which we ask the shareholders in Darlington 1883 Limited (more on that name shortly...) to give a number of official approvals required by law.

The AGM will be held at Blackwell Grange Hotel on Friday 27th January 2017 at 6.30pm. The current shareholders in the club should all have received a copy of the Notice of AGM inviting you to attend, either via email, or by post. However, we do have around 10 individuals for whom we don't have an email address, or a postal address. If you think you should have been contacted, and haven't heard from me, could you please email me at [jonathan.jowett@darlingtonfc.org](mailto:jonathan.jowett@darlingtonfc.org).

Critically, we need to re-elect your Board of Directors, so John, Richard, and Darlington 1883 Supporters Society Limited (the official name of

Darlington FC Supporters Group) will all put themselves forward. I think it goes without saying that they have done a fantastic job, in very difficult circumstances, and we would not be back in Darlington without their personal commitment and volunteered efforts, supported of course by an army of volunteers, whom we must thank at every opportunity.

Shareholders will also be asked to support the Board's policy of having three operational directors, plus the Supporters Group, at any one time, to ensure that the Board does not get into the situation it found itself in during the early part of 2016. In this respect, I am honoured to be invited to ask shareholders to approve my appointment to the Board.

Back to that name, Darlington 1883. As I am sure you have heard, we have asked the FA to consider allowing us to change our name back to "Darlington" FC. There is a process that needs to be followed, comprising the FA consulting with a number of different parties including the National League, Football Supporters Federation, Supporters Direct, our own Supporters Group (as shareholders), and Jenny Chapman, our MP. The Board may also be invited to appear before a committee of the FA to explain the reasons for the request. The Supporters Group

is already canvassing support among its membership, so that it can hopefully vote in favour of a resolution to change the name to be tabled at the AGM.

If the FA Membership Committee grants approval, then we will be allowed to change our playing name from the 2017/18 season. The Board hopes that everyone will be supportive of our plan to revert to our historic name.

We have also now completed the accounts for the financial year that ended on 30 June 2016. These will be available on the website in due course, and will be presented at the AGM. They show a loss for the year, which was not a surprise to the Board, given that the original budget had been set on the basis of a much earlier return to Darlington.

Finally, shareholders will be asked to approve a mechanism which will allow the Darlington FC Supporters Group to invest into the club the moneys raised through various fundraising activities. In return the Darlington FC Supporters Group will be given shares, as it seeks to take its percentage holding in the club from c78% to a target of 90%+.

Meanwhile, we welcome the players, management, directors and guests from Gloucester City, and wish them a safe trip on the long haul back home after the match.



# 200 UP FOR THOMMO

*Darlington midfielder Stephen Thompson last week reached the 200 appearance for the mark when he started in the game against Nuneaton.*

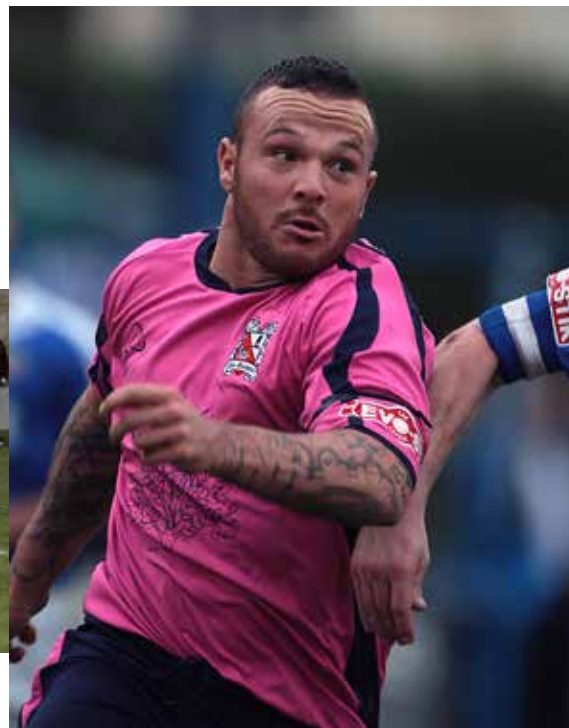
*Thommo has been a fantastic servant for this club, scoring 69 times since he joined from Durham City, and over the next four pages, here are some of his best moments since he joined us in September 2012*



**THOMMO SCORES AGAINST WHITLEY BAY IN APRIL 2013**



**THOMMO SCORES AT SHILDON IN APRIL 2013**



**THOMMO IN ACTION AT LANCASTER CITY IN OCTOBER 2013**



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# 200 UP FOR THOMMO

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PLAYER OF THE  
YEAR AWARD  
FOR 2013-14



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AT SCARBOROUGH IN THE TROPHY



THOMMO SCORES THE SECOND GOAL AT  
MICKLEOVER IN OCTOBER 2015



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STOURBRIDGE IN OCTOBER 2015



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



MARK COOPER

**MARK COOPER**, now manager of Forest Green, was furious with his players after they lost 4-3 at home to Torquay in the Vanarama National League on Boxing Day.

"We have the quality players, but we have to have the desire as well when it gets to this stage of the season," he said. "It is more about heart and desire than ability in my opinion and the players have to start showing more desire to keep the ball out of our net. You have to look at which players you pick and which players keep conceding goals and then you decide whether you play them again."

**SAM RUSSELL** was in goal for Forest Green, while **AMAN VERMA** was in the Torquay side.

After looking promotion favourites early on in the season, Forest Green have slipped to third in the table, three points behind leaders Lincoln City having played a game more.

Meanwhile, Charlie Cooper will be staying on loan from Birmingham with his dad until the end of the season.

Jules Gabbiadini, the son of former Darlington striker **MARCO GABBIADINI**, scored on his debut

for Harrogate RA against Maltby in the Northern Counties East League. Jules was with Hull City's youth academy earlier in his career.

**MATT GREEN**, who made four appearances for us in 2007, scored the only goal of the game for Mansfield at Blackpool on Monday. Green came to us on loan for a month in 2007 from Cardiff City and didn't score. It was only when he went to Mansfield on loan from Oxford in 2011 that his career took off. He scored 14 goals in 25 matches on loan, and when he moved permanently, he scored 40 in 62 before going to Birmingham. After two seasons at Birmingham he returned to Mansfield, for whom he has scored another 23 in 66 matches.

**JAMES WALSHAW** scored four for Farsley in their 5-0 win at Radcliffe Borough in the EvoStik First Division North last weekend, just a few days after he scored a hat trick against Tadcaster Albion.

**DALE HOPSON** scored for Whitby in their 3-1 defeat at Ashton United in the EvoStik Premier Division last Saturday.

**AMAR PUREWAL** won't be going to Wembley with Shildon in the FA Buildbase Vase.

Shildon, one of the Northern League clubs who were fancied to do well, were beaten 4-1 at home by Atherton Collieries from the North West Counties League, even though Amar put them ahead early in the second half.

**BRIAN CLOSE** put through his own goal for West Auckland in their Northern League game at Consett last Saturday, but West recovered to win 3-2. Close recently left Newton Aycliffe to join West as assistant manager.

**LEE PAUL SCROGGINS**, who is captain of South Shields, will miss the rest of the season after breaking his tibia and fibula while regaining fitness from a previous injury.

Shields have this week been involved in a controversial abandonment of their FA Vase tie against Morpeth, when the lights went out with ten minutes left, just seconds after Morpeth had scored to go 4-2 up. Shields were down to ten men as well. The FA ruled that the game should be replayed.





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*Darlington Community programme by Andrew Alton*

## START SPREADING THE NEWS.....



Leaving the triumphant homecoming of Boxing Day behind, I began 2017 in fantastic style, watching the ball drop (and Mariah Carey drop the biggest clanger of her career) in Times Square NYC. While I toured around the amazing city they call 'the big apple' my thoughts were never far away from home and I sported my DFC coat, hat and scarf with pride! I might not have looked quite as dapper as Leon stepping out on the streets of Manhattan, but I was super toasty and at my age, you'll settle for warmth over fashion any day! Two members of NYPD on patrol in Times Square were intrigued to know what the emblem on my coat was for and engaged in a rather lengthy conversation about 'soccer' before asking if they could have their photo taken with me in my rather swanky puffa jacket. And much to the disgruntlement of her indoors, I sought every opportunity on New Year's Day to find wifi. What for, I hear you ask. Was I hooked to the OK magazine



website, impatiently waiting with baited breath to see the images of the gaffer on his big day? Nope! I was trying to get online to see how Greegs, Harry and the rest of the squad were getting on in his absence, in our first game of the year at Halifax. Despite the distinct lack of coverage, I was glad to hear that we'd walked away with a point and decided a rather large steak and a few pints of Brooklyn beer would soften the blow of not securing a win!

PS – Her indoors couldn't have been that upset at my antics, she agreed to become 'the wife'.

(Editor's note – congratulations to Andrew and his good lady from all at Darlington FC. Clearly Mariah was upset that Andrew was no longer available)

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## PICTURES FROM THE PAST



CREWE ALEXANDRA GOALKEEPER BRUCE GROBBELAAR GRABS THE BALL INSIDE HIS SIX YARD BOX AT FEETHAMS ON APRIL 25, 1981.

THE MATCH WAS ONE OF HIS FINAL GAMES FOR CREWE WHILE ON LOAN FROM VANCOUVER WHITECAPS, AND IT SAW DARLINGTON WIN 2-1 THANKS TO GOALS BY KEVAN SMITH AND DAVID SPEEDIE, TWO QUAKERS TEAM-MATES WHO REMAIN GOOD FRIENDS TO THIS DAY.

A DECADE LATER SPEEDIE BECAME A TEAM-MATE OF GROBBELAAR'S AT LIVERPOOL, WHERE THE GOALKEEPER BECAME AS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS ECCENTRIC BEHAVIOUR AS WELL AS MATCH-WINNING PERFORMANCES. HOLDING ONTO THE POST IS CREWE MIDFIELDER MARK PALIOS, WHO LATER BECAME CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND NOW OWNS TRANMERE ROVERS, A CLUB HE SPENT MOST OF HIS PLAYING CAREER WITH.

THE THREE POINTS OVER CREWE REPRESENTED DARLINGTON'S LAST WIN OF A SEASON THAT SAW THEM FINISH EIGHTH IN DIVISION FOUR.

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# STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

## FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What was the name of Gomez' brother in The Addams Family TV series and the film versions?
2. In which city of the Middle East would you find The Wailing Wall?
3. Which pantomime features the character Baron Hardup?
4. Gorgonzola is originally from which country?
5. Which record label did the Beatles establish in 1968?
6. In which West African country is Timbuktu?
7. Which colour is positioned right in the middle of a rainbow?
8. In which famous film did we meet the character called Dorothy Gale?
9. What was once issued in the Royal Navy to prevent scurvy?
10. Which British seaside resort boasts a Royal Pavilion designed in an Oriental style?
11. What is the county town of Dorset?
12. In which year was John Lennon assassinated?

## HALF-TIME TEASER WHAT A SEASON!

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

Paul Fletcher who recently passed away and Steve Heighway once played for which of last season's opponents?

ANSWERS  
ON  
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## SECOND HALF – SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

13. In which UK city did Roger Bannister beat the 4-minute mile in 1954?
14. If Liverpool won it in 2006 and Chelsea won it in 2007, which club won it in 2008 (now in League 2)?
15. Who is the current England Rugby Union head coach, and which country did he coach immediately prior to this?
16. How many laps are there in a single race at a speedway meeting?
17. Of the 92 Premier League and EFL clubs, which ground is situated at the highest altitude?
18. Who won three Formula One World Championships between 1988 and 1991?
19. Which sport was invented by Canadian James Naismith in 1891?
20. Which significant sporting event took place on November 22nd, 2003?
21. Golf: What is the amateur equivalent of the Ryder Cup?
22. Which boxer was nicknamed The Real Deal?
23. Which sporting venue is associated with the postcode SW 19?
24. Name any one of the three football clubs (all in the South East) who turned down David Beckham before he signed for Manchester Utd?

**PLAYER  
STATS**

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

**12 - 6** A useful squad player, but you lack that vital spark to be first-team  
**5 or less** As for our friends at Victoria Park, things can only get better this season



# Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

*In this week's programme, Simon looks back at the Autoglass game between Darlington and Bolton Wanderers on 19th January 1993.*

The Associate Members Cup, competed for by clubs in the bottom two divisions of the Football League, was introduced to the football calendar in the 1983/84 season. It offered lower league clubs a genuine chance of playing in a Wembley final. The early rounds have always struggled to generate decent crowds, with fans only really taking an interest in the later rounds as a possible trip to Wembley grows near. The competition has had several sponsors over the years (Freight Rover, Sherpa Van and Leyland DAF to name a few) and regularly changes format in an attempt to generate more interest.

Darlington's best performance came in the 1985/86 season, when they reached the semi final of the Northern half of the draw, before being beaten 3-0 at home to Bolton Wanderers. The next time that the two clubs were drawn together, to give the Quakers a chance of revenge, was in the 1992/93 season. The competition, at that point called the Autoglass Trophy, was at the second round stage. Bolton had progressed through a three team group in the first round with draws against Bury and Rochdale. The Quakers had received a bye in the first round and would be playing their first game in that year's tournament.

The game would take place

at Feethams on Tuesday 19th January. Wanderers were having a good season. They were riding high in Division 2 at the time, but it was their FA Cup exploits that were gaining them national attention. They'd held Liverpool to a 2-2 draw at Burnden Park in the third round and then beaten their illustrious opponents 2-0 at Anfield in the replay. John McGinlay and Andy Walker had scored the winning goals, in the replay played only six days before their trip to Feethams. Manager Bruce Rioch, and his assistant Colin Todd, had masterminded the cup giant killing and they named an unchanged, full strength eleven for the Darlington game. The Quakers had played out a goalless draw at York City on the Saturday and manager Billy McEwan would make one change from that team for the Bolton cup tie. He welcomed back Sean Gregan, fit again after a groin injury, and he took the place of Steve Gaughan, who dropped to the bench. Quakers were having a difficult, inconsistent season and sat just below half way in the Division 3 table with 28 points from 23 games. Their home form had been a particular problem, as they'd only won three times in eleven home games.

Only 1265 turned out to see the match, little knowing what a cup cracker they were about to witness. The Quakers started

well and took the lead after 14 minutes. Tim Parkin played the ball forward from the half way line towards the edge of the Wanderers box. Mark Seagraves tried to head the ball back to his keeper, Keith Branagan, but Steve Mardenborough anticipated the header and nipped in front of the keeper to prod the ball into the net. The lead only lasted five minutes as the home side gave away a soft equaliser. Sean Gregan's attempted headed clearance from a David Lee left wing cross rebounded off Steve O'Shaughnessy and fell kindly for Andy Walker, who easily beat Mark Prudhoe.

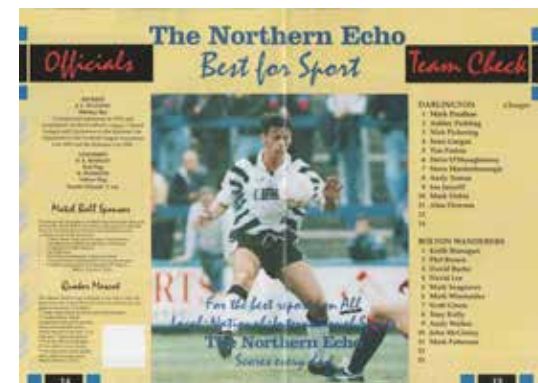
Three minutes later and the visitors were in front. Lee, who'd been one of the star performers at Anfield six days previously, found Walker in space on the corner of the box and he cleverly lobbed the onrushing Prudhoe, just inside the far post. Lee himself scored Wanderers' third goal after 25 minutes when he picked up the ball in midfield, side stepped a challenge and raced into the box before side footing home. The visitors had taken complete control of the tie with three goals in six minutes and the Quakers looked out of it and for a time seemed like they might be completely overrun.

They gradually played their way into the game and deservedly pulled a goal back in the



51st minute. Andy Toman's inswinging corner was dropped by Branagan and Mark Dobie slotted a first time shot into the net from 8 yards out. The second half then became pretty much one way traffic as the Quakers took control and threw men forward looking for an equaliser. The closest they came was an O'Shaughnessy drive from the edge of the box that just cleared the cross bar. Then, in the 84th minute, their efforts were rewarded when they scored the goal of the game. Anthony Isaacs' cross to the edge of the penalty area was headed down by Nick Pickering and brilliantly volleyed home by Dobie, whose first time shot from 25 yards out flew straight into the top corner, leaving Branagan helpless.

The Quakers, seemingly dead and buried at 3-1 down had fought their way back to 3-3 and forced the tie into extra time. Two minutes into the extra period, Dobie had the chance to complete his hat trick. He robbed a defender and bore down on goal, with



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Mardenborough in support, but seemed to get caught in two minds on whether to shoot or pass and he delayed too long, allowing Branagan to save at his feet. The miss proved crucial as four minutes later Bolton regained the lead. Parkin fouled Walker and Tony Kelly curled the free kick into the top corner from 20 yards out.

Quakers continued to take the game to their opponents, but couldn't find another goal. Mardenborough going closest in the second period of extra time when he cut into the box, but shot just over the bar.

Darlington's inconsistent season continued. They followed their best performance of the season against Bolton, with one of their worst. Four days after pushing Wanderers all the way in the cup they were thumped 4-0 at home by Rochdale in a game in which they failed to register a single shot on target. The poor home form kept the Quakers in the bottom half of the table. From the 21 league games played at Feethams they recorded only five wins and finished the campaign in 15th place.

The programme for the 1992/93 season had 28 pages and cost £1. There were regular columns by manager Billy McEwan, skipper Tim Parkin, football in the community officer Iain Leckie and various members of the boardroom. Also team line-ups, three pages on our opponents, a page of supporters club news, a page entitled Talking Soccer, discussing national football stories of the week and the usual match facts for first team, juniors and reserves. There were the usual, always interesting articles by Frank Tweddle - Past Encounters with our opponents, latest News on Division 3 and Match Date, describing previous games played on the same date in history.

#### Team v Bolton :

1 Mark Prudhoe 2 Ashley Fickling 3 Nick Pickering 4 Sean Gregan 5 Tim Parkin 6 Steve O'Shaughnessy 7 Steve Mardenborough 8 Andy Toman 9 Ian Juryeff 10 Mark Dobie 11 Alan Dowson 12 Steve Gaughan (replaced Juryeff, 60 mins) 14 Anthony Isaacs (replaced Toman, 54 minutes)



# DFCSG

BY WAYNE RAPER

# Notes

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Gloucester City for this Vanarama National League North match.

As 2016 is now at a close I thought it would be a good idea to give a summary update of everything which the DFCSG have delivered or been involved in – it's certainly been a busy twelve months.

But before I do that let me remind you that we currently have an open poll for the proposed playing name change from "Darlington 1883" to "Darlington". The Football Club Board will be tabling the motion at the forthcoming AGM on 27th January and the DFCSG is seeking guidance from its members as to how the Group should vote. As we hold a controlling interest in the Football Club the motion will be carried regardless of how other shareholders vote. Once the motion is known it will then be passed to the FA who will make the final decision in time for the beginning of the 2017/8 season. At the time of writing over 530 members have voted and to ensure that you have your say make sure you either visit [www.dfcsf.co.uk/vote](http://www.dfcsf.co.uk/vote) or fill out a form today on the ground side of the "home" turnstiles. You will need your DFCSG membership number to verify your vote. If you're not yet a member you can still join for £20 and cast your vote today. Voting closes 26th January.

So, 2016....it was a funny old year – Leicester winning the Premier League, Britain voting to leave the EU and Donald Trump elected President of the USA. The combined odds for these outcomes was in excess of 4.5 million to 1! If only one of us had the foresight to place that bet, we'd have secured the Club's future for many years to come. Thankfully things have been a lot less turbulent for us over the last 12 months.

We've done a lot of work behind the scenes that not many will be aware of in the second half of 2016 to really define what the DFCSG is, what it

does and how it does it. This is the bedrock on which the success of the Group will be based on and allow us to deliver our core function which is to: **create an environment which will help Darlington Football Club to succeed.** We do this via three distinct pillars:

1. Finance, Strategy & Governance
2. Fundraising
3. Community & Supporter Engagement

You'll hear more about these in 2017, what they cover at a lower level and how YOU can get involved in the work streams that fall out of each pillar to help DFC succeed. For now I will use these pillars to outline the great work the DFCSG has undertaken in 2016.

## FINANCE, STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE

As an advocate of the Supporters Direct ownership model one of the objects which DFCSG must adhere to is good governance of the Football Club. John Bell has been instrumental in pulling together a framework for how the Group interacts with the Football Club on a regular basis to ensure the Club Board has the support it needs from us to go about their jobs on a daily basis.

Post Football Club AGM we will have a strong three person Football Club Board with a broad range of skills which we feel will allow the Club to stabilise and grow off the pitch and begin to match the great progress we've seen on the pitch.

The DFCSG Board itself acquired new blood at the recent AGM and we now have a full quota of Board members who are all now beginning to pick tasks up and drive the Group forwards.

Through the Community Share offer which was

delivered by Neil Raper, John and myself we have increased the shareholding of DFCSG in Darlington 1883 Limited resulting in a controlling interest with a voting share of 79% This is important for a number of reasons, the main one being that as a one member one vote body the DFCSG allows all members to have an equal say in the future of our Football Club through a governed, democratic entity.

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is probably the task that the Group has been best known for and it's critical to secure the Club's future that this continues and we keep finding interesting and appealing ways to bring funds into the Group. In 2016 we raised over £130,000 to support the Club and the move back to Darlington.

I've already mentioned that the Community Share offer allowed us to increase our voting share in the Football Club to 79% and it also raised in excess of £100,000 which has been loaned to the Club over a 25 year period. £10,000 was raised for the purchase of the dugouts and we have also recently invested over £20,000 of membership money into the Club which will further increase our shareholding after the FC AGM.

Another star of the show is the Fans Lottery which has gone from strength to strength. Colin Tinkler handed the baton over to Sue Connor late last year and with the help of the Board has grown the lottery to now have a monthly prize of £1,000 and two weekly prizes of £50!

It's been a quiet year on the events front, however both Joanne Cameron and Rob Duncan have been involved in promoting the Club at various community events over the summer and Jo organised the fantastic end of season bash at the Kings Head in May.

Our treasurer Andrew Matthews continues to keep our finances in order, succeeding Colin Tinkler late in the year.

I will be heading up the fundraising pillar going forwards so if anyone wants to get involved please contact me directly – we've already got some great ideas for 2017 but the more the merrier!

## COMMUNITY & SUPPORTER ENGAGEMENT

Our number one objective for 2016 was to increase the membership base – the group is only as strong as its membership. At the beginning of the year we had around 450 members which via a number of initiatives we've managed to increase to just under 1,000 almost bang on target. An achievement I'm immensely proud of for so many reasons. After the departure of membership secretary Stuart Ford in the summer, Neil Raper has done a fantastic job handling the large increase we've seen, especially over the last three months as the Club neared a return home.

A key aspect of this pillar is volunteering and we have many Board members who not only support the DFCSG but work in a voluntary capacity to support the Football Club. Jo Cameron organises and looks after our superb Corporate Hospitality. Lynn Jasper, Glenn Bowes and Terry Black help run our fantastic Retail shop at the Dolphin Centre and help out with matchday operations, whilst Sue Connor can often be spotted hiding in a turnstile and Michael Cansfield's dulcet tones are broadcast over the airwaves via Darlo Fans Radio.

Board member Mel Prescott will be heading up this pillar going forwards as we look to build on the good work to date and really embed ourselves at the heart of the Darlington community. If this is something that interests you please get in touch with Mel.


I must also mention Angela Raper and Stacey Fletcher who whilst not Board members of DFCSG have pitched in and helped us over the calendar year. There's much more but I've only got a set number of characters. In summary I've been really pleased with the Group's progress in 2016 and am full of optimism for 2017.

*Wayne Raper*

Chair, Darlington FC Supporters' Group








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BY ANTH  
MCMASTER

*Good Afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows.*

Let's get behind Martin and the lads today and get back on track. I got a chance to catch up with our old friend Tommy Wright after last week's game, I told him I'd have rather have just lost 1-0 than having that happened with their last minute goal, he said he was pleased they won but also pleased we scored so he could experience the atmosphere at our new ground!

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Between now and the summer we will also be looking at the possibility of having the players' tunnel sponsored and some features we can introduce around this.

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with the Darlo crest on both sides, we have one with the crest on both sides and Darlo written vertically

in between the crests. Both of these mugs are priced at £6. We also have our "Ticket Mug" which displays the Darlington versus Halifax ticket on the mug as a memento of the game. You can have a ticket number and name added to the ticket on the mug. The price of these is £8. All of our mugs need to be hand washed rather than dish washer proof.

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As I mentioned in last week's programme our 2015/16 children's shirts (and a few adults) are now in the sale for £10. They would be great for sports or casual wear and for £10 they are a bargain.

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

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## REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S GROUND REGULATIONS

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

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

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

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

And

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

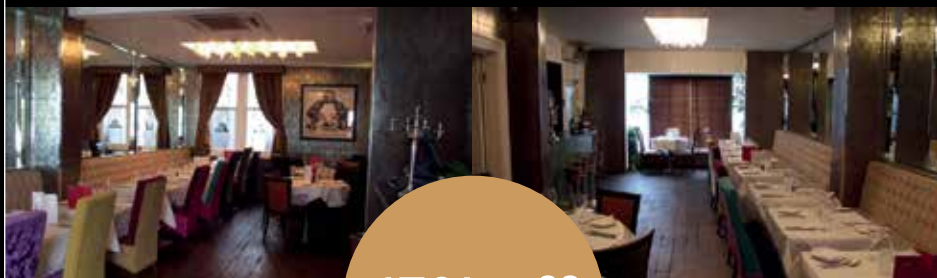
To further safeguard all who attend any event at this Ground/Stadium, we welcome the receipt of any information which will assist us to deter, apprehend/detain and where appropriate prosecute, anyone in possession of; or found discharging or being a party to the discharge of, such an article(s).

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## HALIFAX TOWN 2 DARLINGTON 2

Darlington manager Martin Gray missed this draw to tie the knot with his good lady Jill – but he kept in close touch with events at the Shay Stadium.

His best man, Brian Atkinson, kept him updated – and he also made a couple of phone calls to media manager Ray Simpson – as Quakers made it four points from six against a team that won the Trophy last season and were two divisions above.

Halifax took the lead after 14 minutes when Adam Morgan broke down the left, and fired a left foot shot across Peter Jameson into the bottom right hand corner of the net.

Quakers nearly levelled on 20 minutes when Stephen Thompson made a good diagonal run towards the Halifax box and hit a right foot shot that Johnson parried, and the keeper recovered quickly to palm away Nathan Cartman's follow up.

From the corner that followed, the ball was cleared out as far as Leon Scott, who got to the ball first and hit a right foot shot that Johnson parried.

Quakers deservedly levelled on 22 minutes when Josh Gillies ran at the Halifax defence, and as the home side backed off, rolled the ball left footed past Johnson into the corner of the net for his eighth goal of the season.

FC Halifax Town: Johnson, Roberts, Wilde, Clarke, Hotte, Hone, MacDonald (sub Kosylo 61), Lynch, Denton, Morgan, Peniket

Subs: Nicholson, Simmons, King, Moyo.

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Scott, Thompson, Beck, Cartman, 11 Josh Gillies (sub Falkingham 82)

Subs: Watson, Bell, Hardy, Syers

Goals: Morgan (14 mins, 1-0), Gillies (22 mins, 1-1), Morgan (60 mins, 2-1) Burgess (68 mins, 2-2)

### THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

3 – the number of goals that Kevin Burgess had scored this season up to that point.

16 – the number of stunned Darlington players when Martin Gray told them on the bus that he was getting married the same day.

577 – the number of Darlington fans in a crowd of 2511



Quakers had much more possession in the second half and nearly took the lead on the hour. Cartman broke down the right on the end of a Thompson pass, crossed into the six yard box where Beck got a good connection, but somehow the ball hit the keeper, grazed the bar and dropped onto the roof of the net.

Quakers were caught out from the corner that followed. Halifax broke quickly through Morgan and he got to the edge of the Darlington box before hitting a left foot shot into the top corner.

But Quakers levelled on 68 minutes when Terry Galbraith curled a corner over from the right for skipper Kevin Burgess to head in at the far post.

Galbraith nearly scored a dramatic winner on 85 minutes when Beck nodded down a Jameson free kick for him to hit full on the volley but just over the bar.

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# LOOKING *Back*

In this week's Looking Back, we reproduce Frank Tweddle's column in the programme for the home game against **Torquay on January 2nd 2006, a game that we won 3-2 with goals by Guy Ndumbu-Nsungu (2) and Tresor Kandol. Current Premiership ref Jonathan Moss was in charge.**



## 1995-96

DARLINGTON 1  
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2

Division Three Attendance 1943

Our first game of the New Year twenty one years ago was against Northampton Town on the first Saturday of 1996 after we had suffered three home postponements over the holiday period due to bad weather. We had not played since winning at Torquay two days before Christmas and manager Jim Platt fielded the same team that was successful at Plainmoor with David Lucas continuing in goal on loan from Preston North End and Steve Guinan playing his last game before returning to Nottingham Forest. Alas the enforced break seemed to have done us no good at all as the 'Cobblers' scored twice in ninety seconds through Jason White, who had played four games for the Quakers on loan in August 1993 and they dominated the first half. Gary Bannister limped off with an ankle injury to be replaced by Steve Gaughan, before we finally reduced the arrears through Gavin Worboys with a quarter of an hour remaining. However we couldn't manage another goal and slumped to our first home defeat in three months.

Team: Lucas, Shaw, Barnard, Appleby, Crosby, Gregan (sub Carss 45) Himsworth, Olsson, Painter, Guinan (sub Worboys 45) Bannister (sub Gaughan 39)

## 1985-86

LINCOLN CITY 1  
DARLINGTON 1

Division Three Attendance 2304

We started 1986 with a New Year's Day trip down to Sincil Bank to face struggling Lincoln City just three days after returning from Blackpool with a well earned point from a goalless draw. The home side were desperate for a win having not taken maximum points in fourteen games since the beginning of October! Steven Carney was out injured and so young reserve John Huntley came in for only his third start of the season while another young player from the second string in David Woodcock continued in midfield for the third successive game. After a goalless first half John McGinley gave the 'Imps' the lead four minutes into the second half but the Quakers fought hard to get back into the game and were rewarded ten minutes from time when Carl Airey equalised. We played out the rest of the time comfortably and took a well deserved point to extend our unbeaten run to four games since losing at Plymouth Argyle in earlier December.

Team: Barber, Evans, Morgan, Woodcock, Green, Lloyd, Roberts, Huntley (sub Poskett) Airey, Macdonald, Mclean.

## 1975-76

DARLINGTON 2  
SOUTHPORT 0

Division Four Attendance 1368

The first game of the new year 41 years ago saw us welcome Southport to Feethams seven days after we had beaten another ex Football League club in Workington on Boxing Day. Both these sides lost their league status over the next couple of seasons with Wimbledon replacing Workington in 1977 and Wigan Athletic coming in for their Lancashire neighbours Southport in 1978. Colin Blant and Derek Craig both returned after missing our post Christmas trip to Rochdale with David Crosson and Paddy Lowery stepping down. In a dour encounter half time was reached goalless although both sides hit the woodwork, but we lost Colin Blant through injury and had to reshuffle in defence. In the second period on loan striker John Peachey scored in the fiftieth minute with a fierce shot and again on seventy one minutes with a header in what was his last game for the Quakers before returning to Barnsley.

Team: Ogley, Nattrass, Cochrane, Cattrell, Noble, Blant (sub Lowery) Holbrook, Craig, Peachey, Sinclair, Young





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## HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



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

Salford City came out on top in a clash of two promotion contenders, as they beat Kidderminster Harriers 3-0 at Moor Lane. All the goals came in the second half, with Josh Hine scoring twice, while Jordan Hulme was also on the scoresheet. The win, which extended Salford's unbeaten run to nine matches, moved the Ammies up to fourth in the table. Kidderminster meanwhile remained second, three points ahead of Salford.

That result allowed leaders AFC Fylde to move nine points clear of Kidderminster, after a comfortable 3-1 win at home to FC United. First half goals from Brendon Daniels and Daniel Bradley had the Coasters 2-0 ahead. Harry Winter's strike 11 minutes from time gave FC United hope of taking at least a point from the game, but Matty Hughes sealed the match for the home side with just four minutes to play. It was Fylde's fifth win from their last six games, and it was FC United's first defeat in seven matches.

Chorley maintained their grip on a play-off spot with a 1-0 win at in-form Brackley Town. Dale Whitham's goal two minutes before half time proved to be the difference, leaving Chorley level on points with second placed Kidderminster.

And Tamworth moved up to fifth with a dramatic 3-2 home win over Curzon Ashton. A 14th minute Greg Mills penalty, and a strike from Joe Clarke just before half time put Tamworth in command. Ryan Hall pulled a goal back for Curzon, only for Ross Dyer to re-establish the Lambs' two goal advantage 11 minutes from time. Liam Cummins' late goal ensured a nervous finish, but Tamworth held on to move into the play-offs, a point ahead of Darlington.

There were valuable victories for two of the sides deep in relegation trouble. Nicky Boshell's winner in the seventh minute of stoppage time gave Bradford Park Avenue a crucial 1-0 victory at Worcester City. The win was Bradford PA's fifth in eight games, and moved Mark Bower's side level on points with fourth bottom Gainsborough Trinity.

Stalybridge Celtic won for the first time in eight league games, with Chris Baguley's late strike giving them a 1-0 victory at home to FC Halifax. Celtic though remain second-bottom, nine points adrift of safety after what was only their second home league win of the campaign. Halifax are eight points behind the play-off places, but with two games in hand.

Nathan Jarman's late goal ensured Gainsborough Trinity took a point away from AFC Telford to remain just outside the drop zone. Eddie Jones had given the Bucks a 32nd minute lead, only for Jarman to level six minutes from time. Gainsborough are above the relegation zone on goal difference, having failed to win any of their last eight league games.

Altrincham are slipping further adrift at the foot of the table. They lost 1-0 at home to Gloucester on Saturday, with Joe Park scoring the only goal of the game on the half hour mark. Altrincham have taken just a single point from their last 10 games, and are 14 points from safety. Gloucester meanwhile are firmly entrenched in mid-table, 10 points behind the play-off spots.

Stockport County are just a point behind the play-off spots, after two Danny Lloyd goals, one in either half, gave them a 2-0 win at Boston United. It was a sixth game unbeaten for Stockport, while the defeat ended a run of five games without defeat for Boston.

And captain Simon Ainge scored four goals as Harrogate Town ended a five game winless run in incredible fashion, with a 6-3 victory at home to Alfreton. The visitors took the lead through Mark Shelton, but four goals, two from Ainge, had Harrogate 4-1 up at the break. Ainge completed his hat-trick before Paul Clayton pulled a goal back. Ainge then added his 4th to make it six for the hosts, before Craig Westcarr's late penalty completed the scoring for Alfreton.

### QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

**FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE** 1. Fester 2. Jerusalem 3. Cinderella 4. Italy 5. Apple 6. Mali 7. Green 8. The Wizard of Oz 9. Lime juice 10. Brighton 11. Dorchester 12. 1980

**HALF-TIME TEASER** Skelmersdale Utd

**SECOND HALF - SPORTING KNOWLEDGE** 13. Oxford 14. Portsmouth FA Cup winners 15. Eddie Jones & Japan 16. Four 17. Hawthorns (WBA) 18. Ayrton Senna 19. Basketball 20. England won the Rugby Union World Cup 21. Walker Cup 22. Evander Holyfield 23. Wimbledon 24. Spurs/Norwich City/Leyton Orient



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PAUL BROGDEN KEEP THE FAITH GUYS...

WE WERE ALWAYS GOING TO HIT A LEVEL AFTER RECENT PROMOTIONS. LET'S NOT OVER STRETCH OURSELVES FINANCIALLY AND AIM ON CONSOLIDATION THIS YEAR. IF WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH WITH A PLAY OFF DASH THEN THAT'S A BONUS. PERSONALLY I'D RATHER WE BUILD UP OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOLLOWING RESERVES WITH INTEREST. IF WE GET SOME OF OUR YOUNG LOCAL LADS THROUGH IT REALLY HELPS FANS MORALE..NEVER SAY DIE LADS AND 100% BEHIND MARTIN AND THE BOARD..#DTID

KEVIN THOMPSON I STILL BELIEVE IN GRAY. HE IS A GOOD MANAGER, HE'LL LEARN SOME MISTAKES AND MOVE ON. SALFORD STRUGGLE LAST SEASON THAT SHOWS THIS LEAGUE IS HARD TO GET PROMOTED. SO MANY GOOD TEAMS HERE.

MATTHEW CALLAGHAN A LOT OF NEGATIVITY ON HERE WE'RE A POINT OUTSIDE THE PLAYOFFS WITH 22 GAMES TO GO! WE'VE FLEW UP THE LEAGUES THE LAST FEW SEASONS HAS THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A TOUGHEST SEASON YET. HAWAY THE LADS!

JIM COYNE MAKE YOU RIGHT, WE'VE COME A LONG WAY IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD. MUCH STRONGER LEAGUE AND NO EASY GAMES. JUST HOPE WE CAN MAKE THE PLAY OFFS. COME ON DARLO!

MATTHEW CALLAGHAN DEFINITELY MATE, PEOPLE FORGET WE'RE STILL SEMI PRO AND THERE'S A COUPLE OF TEAMS WHO ARE PROFESSIONAL AND HAVE A LOT MORE MONEY TO SPEND THAN US TOO. I'M SURE THE PLAYOFFS IS THE AIM BUT FOR ME EVEN CONSOLIDATING IN THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON WOULDN'T BE A FAILURE.

Stacey Fletcher has been looking at the reaction from Facebook and Twitter to our last two matches



STEWART O'NEILL WE HAVE FOUND OUR LEVEL, THE PLAYERS DESERVE THEIR CHANCE AFTER 2/3 PROMOTIONS IN THE LAST 4 SEASONS AND SOME OF THOSE PLAYERS AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH IF WE CAN AFFORD TO PROGRESS.

BUT LET'S BE HONEST 5 YEARS AGO TO THIS DAY THE CLUB NEARLY DIED SO IT'S ALL GOOD, WE ARE BACK IN TOWN AND CAN PROGRESS FROM THERE, WE WON'T WIN EVERY GAME AND GET PROMOTED EVERY SEASON AND SOME OF OUR FANS NEED TO REALISE THAT, WE'VE BEEN SPOILT THE LAST 4 SEASONS.

MICHAEL RICHARDSON BY THE END OF ANY SEASON YOU FINISH EXACTLY WHERE YOU DESERVE AND YOU END THEIR ON MERIT. LET'S PASS JUDGEMENT ON THE LAST GAME. IF WE WIN A FEW WE'RE NOT WORLD BEATERS LIKEWISE IF WE LOSE IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD! IT COULD BE WORSE, NO TEAM AT ALL.....

RALPH BRADLEY LONG WAY TO GO TO THE END OF THE SEASON, PLUS WE HAVE COME ALONG WAY IN 4 YRS. I BET SOME COMMENTS MADE BELOW ARE FROM 'SUPPORTERS' WHO DONT ATTEND GAMES OR HAVE BEEN TO THE 2 AT BM!

KEVIN THOMPSON AT LEAST GRAY WILL ASSESS WHAT KIND OF THIS LEVEL IS AND WILL FIND BETTER PLAYERS.





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2 Kidderminster	24	14	5	5	43	22	47	+21
3 Chorley	25	13	8	4	38	22	47	+16
4 Salford City	24	12	8	4	44	23	44	+21
5 Tamworth	24	13	4	7	44	39	43	+5
6 <b>Darlington</b>	24	12	6	6	54	37	42	+17
7 Stockport County	24	12	6	6	35	27	42	+8
8 Brackley	21	11	6	4	34	22	39	+12
9 FC Halifax Town	23	11	5	7	47	32	38	+15
10 Harrogate Town	24	10	5	9	41	35	35	+6
11 Gloucester City	23	10	3	10	39	40	33	-1
12 Nuneaton	24	8	7	9	35	33	31	+2
13 FC United of Manchester	25	8	7	10	41	30	31	+1
14 Boston United	25	7	8	10	36	50	29	-14
15 Curzon Ashton	22	7	5	10	32	44	26	-12
16 Alfreton	23	7	4	12	49	62	25	-13
17 Worcester City	23	6	6	11	32	35	24	-3
18 AFC Telford United	24	5	9	10	23	29	24	-6
19 Gainsborough Trinity	24	5	7	12	32	49	22	-17
20 Bradford Park Avenue	25	6	4	15	25	51	22	-26
21 Stalybridge Celtic	24	4	1	19	21	57	13	-36
22 Altrincham	23	1	5	17	21	57	8	-36

## DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2016-17

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	23		2	1	11	
Gary Brown	19	1	3		3	
Kevin Burgess	18	1			3	
Nathan Cartman	9	12	3		2	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	9	2	3			
Terry Galbraith	24		3		8	1
Josh Gillies	20	1	2		8	
Liam Hardy	12	9	2	1	7	1
Chris Hunter	5	2	2	1		
Peter Jameson	20					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	22		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		1				
Leon Scott	10	6	2	1		
David Syers	3	7	1	1	5	
Stephen Thompson	21	1	1	2	3	1
Phil Turnbull	22		1	1		
Jordan Watson	7	2	1			
Arran Wearmouth						
Paul Woolston	3		1			
own goals					1	

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Season's Stats



Last match



V Nuneaton  
lost 1-2

Yellow Card  
Red Card

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	1,506	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,435	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Cartman	Scott	Bell	Mitchell						
Wed Aug 24th	Chorley	H	7.45	2-0	1,543	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galb'ith2</b>	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Thomp'n	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski						
Sat Aug 27th	Alfreton	H	3.00	3-4	1,349	Jameson	Hunter	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Gillies2	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Purewal	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski							
Mon Aug 29th	FC United of Manchester	A	7.45	3-2	2,731	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,731	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,730	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	Watson	Now'ski	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Cartman	Mitchell	Hardy	Scott	Purewal	H Scott	Robi'son						
Sat Sep 17th	FA Cup 2QR Lancaster City	A	3.00	1-2	580	Woolston	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,231	Woolston	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,424	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galb'ith2</b>	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	1,479	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	2,172	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	2,001	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,136	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Scott						
Sun Nov 27th	Marine FA Trophy 3r	H	3.00	2-2	743	Dudzinski	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,996	Dudzinski	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	1,710	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	3,000	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	2,511	Jameson	Marrs	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	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	2,313	Jameson	Hunter	<b>Galbr'ith</b>	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Sau'ders	Syers	Bell	Falk'ham						
Sat Jan 14th	Gloucester City	H																									
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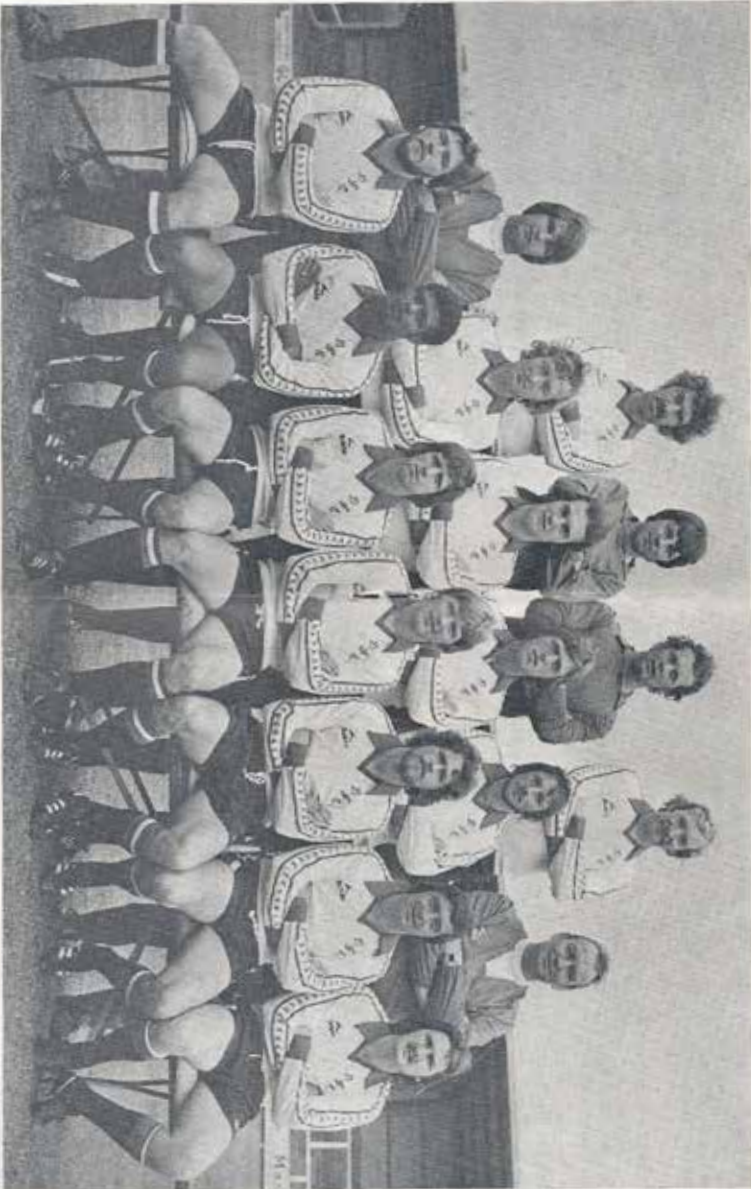
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John Stone, Lloyd Mardond, Eric Young, David Croxson, Eddie Rowles, Barry Lyons, Jimmy Cochrane

HERE'S OUR FIRST TEAM SQUAD FROM SEASON 1977-78.  
HOW MANY OF THESE DO YOU REMEMBER?



# TODAY'S Teams



## DARLINGTON

Mark Beck	
Mark Bell	
Gary Brown	
Kevin Burgess	
Nathan Cartman	
Josh Falkingham	
Terry Galbraith	
Josh Gillies	
Liam Hardy	
Chris Hunter	
Peter Jameson	
Liam Marrs	
Tom Portas	
Leon Scott	
David Syers	
Stephen Thompson	
Phil Turnbull	
Jordan Watson	



## GLOUCESTER CITY

Jasbir Singh	
Keiran Thomas	
Lewis Hall	
Jack Deamen	
Sam Avery	
Ross Finnie	
Joe Hanks	
Tom Webb	
Luke Hopper	
Joe Parker	
Edward Williams	
Spencer Hamilton	
Marc Richards	
Chris Knowles	
Zack Kotwica	
Calvin Dinsley	

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## Next home games:

Saturday 28th January  
Curzon Ashton, kick off 3pm  
Saturday 11th February  
Altrincham, kick off 3pm

## Next away games:

Saturday 21st January  
Stockport County, kick off 3pm  
Saturday 4th February  
Chorley, kick off 3pm

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## Today's other games:

Vanarama National League North  
AFC Telford United v Curzon Ashton,  
Altrincham v Gainsborough, Boston v  
Chorley, Harrogate Town v Bradford  
PA, Tamworth v FC Halifax Town,  
Worcester City v FC United of  
Manchester

## Special message:

**Happy birthday Mark Blythe!**

Happy birthday dad  
Hope you enjoy the game  
Love from your boys  
Brad, Zack and Jake



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