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FROM THE
dugout

Good afternoon and welcome to the game.

I thought we produced a very good performance last week against Boston and thoroughly deserved our win.

I thought the players adapted well to the conditions. We knew how Boston were going to play from our report on the midweek game they'd had against Chorley, and that the pitch was heavy, so our tactics worked well. In fact, I thought we were unlucky not to be 3-0 or 4-0 up before they made their substitutions in the second half. They put us under a bit more pressure after that, but we defended well for the three points.

Following the away draw at Chorley when we could have won the game with the chances we had, I'm reasonably happy with our last two away games, but, you know me, I always demand improvement especially with what is going to be a close run in to the end of the season.

We must maintain our good form now, because we have two home games in four days, and they give us an ideal opportunity to collect six points and keep our promotion campaign well and truly going.

We will continue to work very hard to win promotion, I will accept nothing less from everyone in our squad over the remainder of the season. We are still well in contention, and if we can string a few wins together, then just like last season, then we can put pressure on the teams around us and ultimately be successful.

It is not beyond the realms of possibility that we can win four promotions in five years, and I know that myself, the coaching staff and the players can count on your fantastic support throughout the last two months or so of the season.

Enjoy the game

Martin



V HARROGATE TOWN

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*Kev Burgess writes for the
Quaker programme.*

CAPTAIN Kev

HELLO, EVERYONE!

It was great to see so many of you behind the goal at Boston last Saturday, you really made a big difference to us, and it just goes to show how important your support is especially when we were holding on to a 2-1 lead late in the game.

I thought we defended well last Saturday. The manager made us work harder than normal in our training the week before, and that preparation really paid off.

Everyone from front to back, defended very well in the game, and when Boston pulled a goal back in the second half, we threw everything in the way, although I must admit I was a touch concerned when their lad went down in the box claiming a penalty late in the game, but happily the ref waved play on.

The manager has picked a new back four for the last couple of games, and we're all steadily getting used to each other. It takes a little bit of time for everyone to get used to our defensive tactics, and we all understand each other better now than we did three weeks ago.

We all believe that we're good enough to finish in the play off positions at the end of the season, especially as we have several games remaining against teams in the bottom half of the table – not that any game in this league can be taken for granted of course.

We all know that we must continue to work very hard, and it's that sort of attitude that we must take into every game.

We're all really looking forward this afternoon's game. We wanted to make up for the Curzon Ashton defeat when we were due to play Altrincham a fortnight ago, and we are even more determined to do so today.

Kev

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Captain's Notes



**"WE ALL
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Coming to town...

*Harrogate Town have announced that they're going full time next season.
Simon Hahn looks at their history.*

The club was formed in 1914 as Harrogate AFC, but owing to First World War did not play a game until they joined the West Yorkshire League in 1919/20.

The next season they also played in the newly formed Yorkshire League. In 1921/22 they played in the Midland Counties League and after a disastrous season in the Northern League in 1931/32, Harrogate F.C. folded.

In 1935 a new team called Harrogate Hotspurs was founded and in 1948 changed their name to Harrogate Town. They played in the West Yorkshire League until 1957 when they rejoined the Yorkshire League. After the introduction of the Non-League Pyramid in 1982 they joined the Northern Counties East, but after just five years they joined the newly formed Northern Premier League First Division in 1987/88. Town remained at this level until 2002 when they won the Championship and were promoted to the Premier division.

When Nationwide Conference North and South were created in 2004/5, Town's fifth place finish in the Unibond Premier Division secured them a place in this new league. In their five seasons at this level Town finished sixth three times and reached the play off's once, where they lost to Stafford Rangers. Long standing manager Neil Aspin left at the end of season 08/09 when Town finished ninth. His place was taken by Simon Weaver the ex-Lincoln, Scarborough and Nuneaton player.

Unfortunately, Town finished rock bottom in 2009/10 with 30 points, only to be saved



ANDI THANOS

from relegation to the Evo-Stik League by the expulsion of Northwich Victoria. Following their reprieve Town finished in a creditable 12th position in season 2010/11. An injury blighted 2011/12 season saw Town finish in 15th place after a tense battle against relegation. The season after Town just missed out on a play off place when they finished sixth, but they reached the second round of the F.A. Cup with a victory over Torquay United, their first win over a League club, before losing to Hastings United on penalties. In season 2013/14, Town challenged for a play-off place but eventually finished ninth, whilst in the West Riding County Cup, they reached the final only to fall to a last minute penalty against Eccleshill United.

In season 2014/15, Town finished in 15th place in the Vanarama Conference North. In 2016 Town again reached the West Riding County Cup Final only to lose 3-2 to Bradford Park Avenue at Valley Parade.

Harrogate Town



/ The Squad

Manager Manager: Simon Weaver
Assistant manager: John McDermott

Goalkeepers Peter Crook, Chris Elliot

Defenders Lewis Turner, Luke Shiels, Danny Ellise, Joe Colbeck, Simon Ainge, Ben Parker, Louie Swain

Midfielders Paul Thirlwell, Tom Platt, Andi Thanos, Joe Leesley, Liam Agnew

Forwards Dominic Knowles, Jack Emmett, Warren Burrell, Jon-Paul Pittman, Chib Chilaka, Ruben Jerome, Kuda Muskwe, Callum Rzonca

Previous seasons

2015/16 National North Played 42 Points 72 Position 4th
2014/15 National North Played 42 Points 52 Position 15th
2013/14 National North Played 42 Points 63 Position 9th
2012/13 National North Played 42 Points 69 Position 6th
2011/12 National North Played 42 Points 52 Position 15th

Recent Results

February 18th Altrincham (away) drew 0-0 Ainge
February 11th Worcester City (home) won 3-0 Ainge, Ellis, Swain
February 4th Boston (away) won 3-0 Ainge, Swain, Leesley
January 28th Gainsborough Trinity (home) lost 1-3 Kerry
January 21st FC United of Manchester (away) drew 2-2 Platt, Muskwe
January 14th Bradford P.A. (away) won 1-0

Last season, saw Town reach the National North play-offs finishing fourth in the league, only to go down to AFC Fylde on aggregate in the semi-finals.

Earlier this season, the club announced that they would be going full time for the start of season 2017-18.

HONOURS

Harrogate's first League title came in 1926/27 when they won the Yorkshire League First Division Championship, but they had to wait for over fifty years before they won the Yorkshire League Second Division in 1982. Their only other League title was won in 2001/02 when they won the Unibond First Division.

Their only cup success in the Yorkshire League was a losing appearance in the 1961/62 League Cup.

They were Unibond First Division Cup winners in 1989/90 and Unibond Chairman's Cup finalists in 2000/01 losing on penalties to Barrow. In 2002/03 they reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time losing 5-1 at Farnborough. They repeated the feat in 2005 when they drew 1-1 at Torquay United before losing the replay 6-5 on penalties before a crowd of 3317.

In 2012 Town reached the second round of the FA Cup for the first time losing to Hastings United. Town have also won the West Riding County Cup eight times and been runners up on five occasions.

THE GROUND

The club began playing behind the County Hotel before moving to Starbeck Lane in 1919. A year later they moved to the present



Coming to town...

ground after raising £3000 with a share issue. After disbanding in 1931 the club sold the ground to the council who own it to this day.

Floodlights were installed in 1982 and a new cantilever stand built for the 1990/91 season. The bar has been extended twice, new changing rooms have been installed and the floodlights were improved to the level needed for Conference football in 2006. In summer 2007 two new turnstiles were added, the clubhouse was revamped, and a new toilet block built.

The record attendance was set in the 1949/50 season when 4280 saw the Whitworth Cup final between Town and Harrogate Railway. The close season 2012 saw feverish activity at Wetherby Road with the 1919 Club and the Sponsors/Directors Lounge completely revamped and a new office and shop built. The famous Wetherby Road slope was removed, a new sprinkler system installed and the pitch has been completely reseeded. Further work took place on the pitch in summer 2013 and a new club shop incorporating the supporter's club shop has been opened. In the close season of 2014 a new stand, complete with two new toilet blocks and a refreshment bar, has been erected at the hospital end.

In the summer of 2015 a new covered terrace was erected on the Wetherby Road side of the ground.

During the summer of 2016, an all-weather 3G pitch was installed at the CNG Stadium.



JOE COLBECK

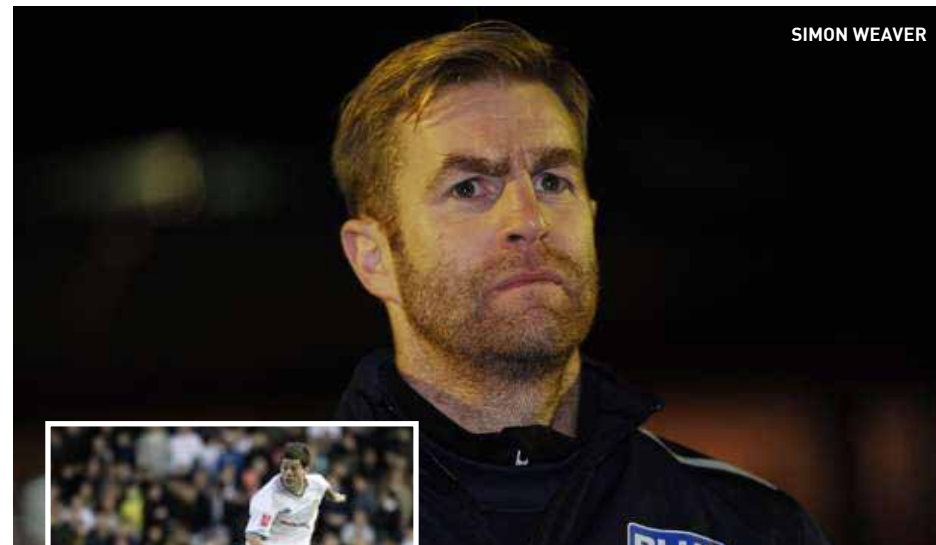
Harrogate include two former Darlington players in their squad:

JOE COLBECK

Defender Joe joined Bradford City in 2002 as a youth player. Two years later he broke into the first team against Notts County. He made 116 appearances with eight goals in a five year period. In 2007 he joined Darlington on a month's loan making six appearances under Dave Penney, in which time he scored two goals.

Leaving Bradford in 2009, Joe joined Oldham Athletic (where Martin Gray was assistant manager to Dave Penney) and made 28 appearances scoring 1 goal. At the start of 2010/11 he joined Hereford United and played 80 times netting six times. June 2012 saw him sign a two year contract with Grimsby Town. During his time with the Mariners, he played 85 times and scored five goals. Last season he

Harrogate Town



SIMON WEAVER



BEN PARKER

second leg defeat because of injury.

He captained Guiseley to promotion in 2015 and helped them to consolidate their position in the National League last season.

returned to Bradford where he played for Park Avenue making 38 appearances and scoring two goals, and then he joined Harrogate in the summer. He set up Harrogate's goal in the game against Quakers at Wetherby Road.

BEN PARKER

Ben is a 28 year old defender who started his career at Leeds United and went on to make 41 appearances for the Whites. He had multiple loan spells before joining Guiseley in 2013. One of his loan spells in 2008 was with Quakers, in which he played 15 times, including the home playoff first leg against Rochdale in 2008, but he did not feature in the

HARROGATE MANAGER SIMON WEAVER

Aged 38, Simon started with Sheffield Wednesday before joining Ilkeston. After spells at Grimsby and Nuneaton, he joined Lincoln City where he made 88 appearances before moving to Macclesfield Town in 2004. He then had spells at Kidderminster, Scarborough, York, Tamworth, Boston, Kings Lynn and Redditch.

He moved back to Ilkeston and scored the winning goal in the Unibond play-off win over Nantwich Town, helping Ilkeston to gain promotion to Blue Square North. He was appointed manager at Harrogate in 2009.

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**JOSH GILLIES CELEBRATES
AFTER OPENING THE SCORING**



Last time we met

**29TH OCTOBER 2016
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Quakers moved to within a point of the leaders after stretching their unbeaten run to eight games with an emphatic win over Harrogate Town.

With over 1200 supporters roaring them on, Quakers took command right from the start. The dangerous Josh Gillies made a 60 yard run and finished with a shot that was touched on to the post by Harrogate keeper Peter Crook. Quakers scored from the following corner, when the ball was curled in by Gillies into the near post where it was cleared back to him, and he coolly controlled the ball and curled it into the top right corner for his fifth goal of the season.

Harrogate hit back and were denied by a superb finger tip save by Peter Jameson from a free kick by Andy Thanoj, before they levelled on 31 minutes.

Former Darlington player Joe Colbeck chased a long ball down the right and crossed for Reece Webb-Foster to beat Jameson with a looping header from ten yards.

But Quakers were back in front a minute later. Gary Brown headed the ball out of his own penalty area for Gillies to go racing up the left again, and after a 70 yard run pulled the ball back for Nathan Cartman to have a shot blocked, but the ball ran loose for Mark Beck to tap in his 7th goal of the season.

Quakers went 3-1 up on 45 minutes. Gillies again broke clear and sent Cartman up the left. Cartman held the ball up well and laid it back for Stephen Thompson, who drilled a right foot shot from 30 yards that beat Crook all ends up.

Harrogate were reduced to ten men after 47 minutes when Cartman beat Simon Ainge for pace and was pulled back by the defender, who was instantly shown a red card by referee Stuart Copeland.

And it was all over on 57 minutes. Kevin Burgess won the ball on the halfway line, and Thompson laid the ball off for sub David Syers, who had only been on the field a few minutes, to drive past Crook.

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs (sub Watson 62), Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Thompson, Falkingham, Beck, Cartman (sub Hardy 70), Gillies (sub Syers 55)

Subs not used: Bell, Davie

Booking: Burgess

Harrogate Town: Crook, Colbeck, Turner, Platt, Ainge, Ellis, Brooksby (sub Chilaka 51), Thanoj, Day (sub Leesly 51), Burrell, Webb-Foster (sub Purkiss 63)

Subs not used: Gascoigne, Elliott

Sending off: Ainge

Referee: Stephen Copeland



HARVEY SAUNDERS

Harvey Saunders wasn't playing regular football three seasons ago – and now he's on the verge of breaking into the Darlington first team on a regular basis. He spoke to Ray Simpson.



HARVEY (SECOND FROM LEFT)
SALUTES THE CROWD

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HARVEY SAUNDERS

Harvey has worked hard to put himself in a position in which he is starting to appear on the teamsheet as a substitute, making his way to the Vanarama National League North through youth and Northern League football.

"I stopped playing football at Under 16 level. I'd played for Barnard Castle for several years, but they didn't have anything after Under 16.

"But then I was approached by Darlington All Stars Under 17s to go and play for them. I was there for a season before Darlington RA Under 18s asked me to go there, and near the end of my first season, I had a couple of games in the Northern League for the RA first team.

Warren Moncur, the manager, was very keen to play me, and I quickly learned that it was a more physical style of football than what I was used to. It was certainly a big step.

"I played 13 or 14 games for them, and scored a few goals, in fact I got a couple of hat tricks.

"It was at that point when my phone started ringing, and other clubs started to show an interest, but I remained loyal to the RA. They were a good bunch of experienced lads who looked after me on the field.

"I was almost a full time footballer, because during the week, I was travelling up to Monkseaton High School Sixth Form every day for a soccer course with Graham Fenton and Lee Picton. That was a huge opportunity, because I was working five days a week on improving my game, and they were both great coaches. Graham, being a former pro, taught me a lot of things about being a forward which I didn't have a clue about until I met him."

With the excellent coaching he received from the former Blackburn player, Harvey's football career also started to pick up pace. "Bishop Auckland came in for me, and I

decided to step up into the Northern League first division, but that didn't really work out for me. The club has got great facilities, but I don't think they saw much of me because I didn't get many games.

"I knew that Durham City were after me, so after speaking to their manager, Chris Moore, I went there. They had a very young team, and we were up against stronger, older and more experienced opponents.

"I scored a few goals for them, but the problem was that other players were coming and going because they were University students. I didn't have any real understanding with some of my team mates."

Then halfway through last season, Harvey received a call out of the blue from Darlington manager Martin Gray. "Martin rang me and said that he was interested in having a look at me, but then I picked up a groin injury, which ruled me out of action for a couple of months. One game that I missed, unfortunately, was the final of the National Colleges Cup with Monkseaton."

One big occasion that he didn't miss, was for Quakers at Whitby's Turnbull Ground in late April. For everyone who celebrated the EvoStik League title on that unforgettable night at Whitby, Harvey was the unknown figure next to Amar Purewal near the left hand end as the players celebrated the EvoStik championship on the balcony.

"I didn't expect to be in the squad that night at all. I thought Martin had asked me to go along just for the experience and a ride out. He told me completely out of the blue that I would be on the bench, and I really couldn't believe it.

"It was a great experience to be on the pitch, warming up with the rest of the players, and then being a part of it all. What a fantastic night it was, especially that first 20 minutes.

"I went up to the balcony for the presentation, and it was amazing looking down at the cheering fans. I received a league winners' medal – but I gave mine to Amar Purewal straight away. I couldn't take it, he'd played a much bigger part in winning the league than I had. There'll be more opportunities for me in the future."

Harvey signed a one year contract with Quakers during the summer, and in order to develop his game, MG sent him out to Northern League club, Ryhope CW, who are run by another former Darlington player, Gary Pearson.

"I knew some players there from my days at Bishop, and I really enjoyed it. Gary was brilliant, he made me feel very welcome. I scored a few goals for them, but then I snapped my collar bone and was out for a few weeks. Martin then sent me to Dunston on another loan, and I enjoyed my stay there as well.

"Martin recalled me from Dunston a few weeks ago, and I came on as a sub against Nuneaton. It was at that point when everything sunk in as far as I was concerned. I knew that I was at a big club then, and I loved that feeling of playing in front of a big crowd.

"I can remember playing for Darlington RA against Hartlepool in the Durham Challenge Cup, and there were a few Darlo fans in that night, creating a bit of an atmosphere, so to play in front of a crowd of 2,000 was an unbelievable feeling. Then some of them started singing at the Chorley away game; "Harvey Saunders, he is one of our own." I was bowled over, and I got butterflies.

"It's that sort of support and encouragement which means that I will always give my all for the club."

Do you fancy meeting Harvey and the other players after the game? Then why not enjoy our hospitality in the Feethams lounge -- e mail hospitality@darlingtonfc.org



FROM THE Boardroom:

JONATHAN JOWETT

What's in a name? Well, an awful lot, judging by the debate and coverage I've seen over the past few weeks, particularly since we announced on 3rd April that the FA Council is due to make a final decision on our application to drop the "1883" reference in our playing name. But it's not just in recent weeks of course; there has been a feeling of injustice since 2012 when the assets of the previous company that owned the football club were bought by the current one, which included the right to use the name "Darlington FC".

I don't propose that we reopen the debate on the rights and wrongs of the original decision; we are where we are, and we must hope that we have a fair wind behind us and that we will get approval from the FA Council, which has the final decision. But that is not in any way to belittle the passion that supporters have shown. Passionate support is the lifeblood of clubs like ours. Without commitment, and the efforts of volunteers, and our magnificent fans, the club would not survive.

We made all of these and many other points to the FA as part of our application to revert to our historic playing name. I believe that the fact that we were able to report to the FA the huge support that the Supporters Group had

gathered, both through the online vote, and the support for the resolution that was put to our AGM held at the end of last month, helped the Membership Committee reach its decision to recommend to the FA Council that our application be approved. The FA Membership Committee also consulted with a variety of interested parties across the town and the county, before making its recommendation. Thank you to everyone who has voiced an opinion, and we now wait to hear from the FA following the meeting on 3rd April. We'll let you know the outcome.

There are all sorts happening at the moment, which isn't unusual for this football club! This week, thanks to the DFCSG, we launched an online ticketing facility, and we will watch the trial for today's game with interest. It is certainly something that we would consider using in the long term if everything proves satisfactory. Online ticketing is widely used in sports and leisure, and hopefully we can use it to our advantage.

It was also great to see our official website go past the 1.8 million hit landmark. A lot of hard work goes into the website in terms of preparation and production, and it is certainly one of the best at this level, if not better than some of those above our level. Check

out the new video of Blackwell Meadows on our home page, which has kindly been done by Dronecam Solutions! Our Youtube channel, which is run by Kevin Luff, is also going great. Please support them as much as possible.

Meanwhile, back on the pitch, today we welcome the players, management, directors and guests from Harrogate Town for what is likely to be a close game as we both push on in the battle for the play-off places. Thanks for coming along today, and we look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday night for our first evening game at Blackwell Meadows against Altrincham.

Please continue to spread the word that we're well and truly back in the town. As we move forward, it is essential that we involve the local community as much as possible, and we've got a few ideas that we'd like to develop, but like most things, we need to take one step at a time.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the chief executive officer of the National League, Mike Tattersall, to Blackwell Meadows, and hope he enjoys his afternoon with us, like everyone else.

COYQ!

Where are they now?

PAUL HECKINGBOTTOM **fcbusiness**

Former Darlington full back Paul Heckingbottom is the successful manager of Barnsley who are holding their own in the Championship. Tony Incenzo from FC Business, and Ray Simpson spoke to him.



"Hecky" came to Darlington from Sunderland in 1998, and was a member of the Darlington side that beat Hartlepool in the 2000 play offs semi finals, but then lost to Peterborough on a wet and frustrating night at Wembley in the final.

He was a regular at left back in that eventful season of 1999-2000 – he only scored once in the league, and that was a vital goal against Hartlepool at Feethams -- and for a variety of reasons the club had a very high profile, which was boosted by being the winner of the Lucky Losers draw in the FA Cup, when Manchester United didn't enter.

"All sorts seemed to revolve around us that season, especially when we won the Lucky Losers draw and drew Aston Villa away. There was a lot of publicity around that game, and we gave Aston Villa quite a scare. I scored for us after Peter Duffield's penalty was saved, and we nearly got an equaliser before the end.

"The really big disappointment that season was obviously losing at Wembley in the play off final, and it's still quite a painful memory, even now. For ages afterwards, I blamed myself for the defeat. It had rained heavily for most of the day, and I slipped and pulled my groin in the second half. I had to go off the field for treatment, and Michael Oliver went to left back from midfield. He had no experience of playing there with the rest of the lads. He played Peterborough onside when they went through and scored, and I felt a bit responsible.

"I'm still touch with quite a few of that team – Marco Gabbiadini, Adam Reed, Glenn Naylor, Neil Aspin, Martin Gray and manager David Hodgson. We were quite an experienced and tight-knit group most of whom had played at a higher level."

After leaving Feethams, Hecky moved to then Championship

side Norwich City, but left there after a season, and then played for Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley, helping them win their respective play off finals at Wembley. After that, he went to Bradford City, Mansfield and Gateshead (he was at Gateshead when we beat them in the Trophy semi final) before concentrating on coaching.

"I took my coaching badges when I was still playing the game, and I was determined to be a better manager/coach than I was a player.

"I started working part time for the Barnsley Academy looking after the Under 14s, and then I landed what was my dream job a year or so later working full time with the Under 18s. That was five years ago.

"I looked after the Under 21s for two seasons, and then I helped with coaching the first team. When Lee Johnson left as manager, I was asked to do the job, but I hesitated because I wanted to see for myself whether I had the ability to do the job on a permanent basis."

Under his guidance, Barnsley won twice at Wembley last season, in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final and the League One play off final, which were big factors.



Where are they now? PAUL HECKINGBOTTOM



"It was only when we won promotion that I decided I would take the job, and so far I've loved it.

"There have been so many benefits. It's a big prize for everyone to play in the Championship, visiting big clubs and having big clubs come to Oakwell. From the players' point of view, they are trying to build their careers and the financial rewards of going up by appearing on a bigger stage. And likewise from the club's point of view, financial rewards of getting bigger prize money in the Championship, larger gates and a wider audience.

"So if you can build on that, then there are even greater prizes to be had. We want to see our crowds continue to improve with supporters filling the ground at every home game. That will bring

even more finance in and help the team going forward.

"The Championship is a massive league, with massive crowds and top quality players. As a manager there are several challenges that you face, one of which is how do you set your team up against a very expensive opponents."

Barnsley are currently in ninth place in the Championship, not bad at all for a club with a budget that is dwarfed by those of some of the clubs around them, such as Newcastle and Aston Villa.

"Literally every penny counts. We had a really tight business model last season going forward in League One. We planned to get out of that division by recruiting young, hungry players. We tried to coach those lads well and provide a good environment where they could improve and

prosper. As a club, we got our reward by getting that right and winning promotion. The difficulty we face now is keeping hold of those players, putting even more money in and building to get on the next level. Out of the 18 players that earned the club promotion, I've now lost twelve, so I've had to build two teams – one at the start of the season and one since Christmas.

"So we have to be cute in how we use contracts to tie players down and to maximise the value of each player when we sell them. That money then has to be reinvested in the right way. Therefore the business model to improve the squad is still exactly the same as it was last season in League One. However, we are using extra finance now to try to get better raw materials – that is, better players – who we can

then improve to a further degree. It's just about building. We can't afford to take players from other Championship teams, we have to look lower for players who have got plenty of potential.

"We know we are not on a level playing field. Our budget will be the lowest in the Championship. We have a small squad and a small coaching staff. But we use that as a positive. We try to maximise everything that our situation can give us. It can give us hunger, it can give us drive. The small playing squad can give the feeling to the players that they will get a place in the first team if they are performing well because we are not carrying any dead wood. So we try to use our circumstances to our advantage and then pick a young, hungry team that will reinforce this attitude on the pitch with the fans buying in too. Therefore it is all about aligning everything – every decision and everything we are trying to do – to complement each other towards the bigger picture. Because that is the only way we are going to compete. We are playing against teams in the Championship who have individual players on more money a week than our entire group of players combined. That is the difficulty we face. But we try to maximise what we have and get the most out of it.

"It is not just Newcastle that we are competing against. All the clubs that come down from the Premier League are usually favourites to go back up and for good reason. This year, Newcastle, Aston Villa and Norwich City all have Premier League squads, big finance, good backing behind them from the parachute payments and great income streams. So in terms of competing against those teams, it is difficult. But it can also spur you on. We use that underdog tag to our advantage and we try to thrive on it. Even though our market for players at Barnsley is probably

a different market to every other team in the Championship. We have to keep being clever in how we recruit and clever in how we keep the squad together. We will keep striving to be bigger and better regardless of the limited money we can bring in.

"It is very important to develop our own players through the youth set up for several reasons. We've had good profits over recent years from our academy. Not only in selling players on, but we can get good value from our young players if we have four, five or six of them contributing in the first team squad. That can save us money in the long run and the saving can be reinvested elsewhere in the squad. So not only do we want to develop our own lads to sell on, we want to develop them to contribute to matchdays, to contribute to first team squads and be part of the numbers which will help us keep our budget down. Part of our restriction is the fact that we are not going to carry a big squad. So if we've only got three central midfielders fit and available in our first team squad, for example, and we get suspensions or injuries and we need another midfield man, then we have to bring one in from our under23 group. We have given a couple of first team debuts in that way this season. Therefore our

academy has to be performing well."

He's one of the youngest managers in the top two divisions of English football and says; "I am enjoying lots of challenges. Being a smaller club in the Championship with a small staff probably brings its own challenges. But I am also gaining lots of valuable experience by mucking in and doing many different roles – in terms of recruitment, in terms of negotiation and in terms of being involved in business decisions. So as a learning environment for me as a young manager, this is huge. There are many aspects we need to improve on before we can progress at Barnsley. Our success over the past 12 months cannot be maintained without good planning and decision making. That is a slow process. If we want to compete and get past the bigger clubs, we have a long way to go. We have to maximise every little benefit that we can and the attachment that the fans have with the players at the moment is crucial. With more people coming through the gate, we have a little bit more revenue as we try to get the best possible team on the pitch. It's not going to be easy, but we just have to believe in what we are doing and keep trying to do it better."



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



MARK PRUDHOE

MARK PRUDHOE has revealed the role he played in the development of fellow former Darlington goalkeeper **JORDAN PICKFORD**.

Highly-rated Pickford made his Sunderland debut last season, but this has been the Washington youngster's breakthrough campaign after replacing Vito Mannone in August, since when he has earned a call-up to the England squad.

Although currently injured, Pickford is expected back in the Sunderland side soon, five years after make his senior debut during a loan spell at Darlington in the Conference.

Prudhoe, Sunderland's academy goalkeeper coach, had pushed for Pickford to be allowed out on loan at the age of 17.

Speaking to the Evening Chronicle, Prudhoe said:

"Craig Liddle was in charge at Darlington and he phoned me and said he wanted a keeper, so I spoke to Ged McNamee (Sunderland's then academy manager) and said Jordan was ahead of our other young keepers Ben Wilson, Joel Dixon, and Lewis King.

"But the feeling was that because of his age, we were reluctant to send him out on loan. I fought his corner and pushed it, and eventually Ged said to do it, so that was where he went.

"Jordan played something like 17 games and that was the start for him, he took the opportunity. Once he made his debut for Darlington, that was my job done, to an extent.

"He was playing first team football, and it was up to me to try and bring through the next one."

Prudhoe was Brian Little's first-choice goalkeeper during the back-to-back title wins of 1989-90 and 1990-91, making 209 appearances before a transfer to Stoke City in 1993 when Billy McEwan was manager.

Goalkeeper **SAM RUSSELL** and ex-Quakers boss **MARK COOPER** were back in the region last Saturday when promotion-chasing Forest Green Rovers travelled to Gateshead.

However, for the first time in 2017 FGR tasted defeat in the National League as a Danny Johnson brace and Wes York

stunner gave Gateshead a 3-1 victory.

It was at the International Stadium, of course, where Russell and Cooper celebrated Darlington winning the FA Trophy semi-final in March 2011 when a 0-0 second leg draw sufficient to secure a place in the Wembley final.

DANNY GRAHAM was on target against Manchester United when Blackburn Rovers' FA Cup tie was televised live on BT Sport.

Graham, who was on loan to Darlington from Middlesbrough in 2004, put Rovers ahead before goals by Marcus Rashford and Zlatan Ibrahimovic secured a passage to the quarter-finals for the Red Devils.

BILLY CLARKE, who once scored four in a game for us at Macclesfield in August 2008, is now at Bradford City, and scored against Gillingham a fortnight ago.

After his loan spell with us, he went back to his parent club Ipswich Town, and then moved to Blackpool in 2009, when the Seasiders were in the Championship. He moved to Crawley in January 2012, scored 24 goals for them in three seasons, and then he moved to Bradford City for the start of the 2014-15 season. He has now scored 24 goals in 81 games for City in League One.

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



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

After disappointing results against Salford and Telford this month, AFC Fylde returned to winning ways with a 3-1 victory at Brackley. Fylde are 10 points clear at the top of the division.

Salford City lead the chase, as they recovered from a defeat by Gloucester a fortnight ago by seeing off Stalybridge Celtic 1-0 last Saturday.

But the Ammies have played two games more than third placed Kidderminster, who are level on points with Salford. Kiddy were the only side in the top seven to drop points last week, after losing 2-1 at fourth placed Chorley.

That result saw Chorley move within a point of Kidderminster, albeit having played two games more. The Magpies seem to be recovering from a patchy run of form, having lost just one of their last five.

FC Halifax, a point further back, have six wins and a draw from their last seven games, a run of form which has seen them move into the play-offs.

The Shaymen are above Stockport County on goal difference, who also are in good form, having not lost in the league since November, a run of 12 matches.

Eighth-placed Tamworth, who are behind Darlington on goal difference, suffered a 1-0 defeat at AFC Telford to fall four points adrift of the play-off places. The Lambs have won only three times in their last 10 matches.

A run of just one defeat in their last eight league games has kept Harrogate Town's play-off hopes flickering. They are eight points behind the top five.

Level on points with them are Gloucester City, who also have a game in hand. The Tigers are unbeaten in their last five following last Saturday's draw at Gainsborough. Gloucester hosted Brackley on Tuesday night.

Failing to win any of their last seven games has seen Brackley Town drift into mid-table, 12 points behind the play-offs.

The bottom half of the table has become extremely tight, with just nine points separating 12th and 20th.

Curzon Ashton sit 12th, having moved upwards following a 5-0 thrashing of Alfreton last week.

Two points further back are Boston, whose defeat to Quakers last weekend was their third loss in four matches.

FC United's form has stuttered badly since the turn of the year. Their defeat at Stockport last week, in front of a National League North record crowd of 5,630, was their seventh game without a win.

After winning eight games in a row, Nuneaton Town have failed to win any of their last five, including losing four games in a row. They're only four points above the relegation zone.

One point worse off are AFC Telford, who eased their relegation worries with a 1-0 win over Tamworth last Saturday. The Bucks have taken just two wins from their last nine.

They're above Alfreton on goal difference, whose three-game unbeaten run ended in spectacular fashion at Curzon Ashton last week in a 5-0 defeat.

Three wins in a row have lifted Bradford Park Avenue out of the relegation zone and level on points with Telford and Alfreton.

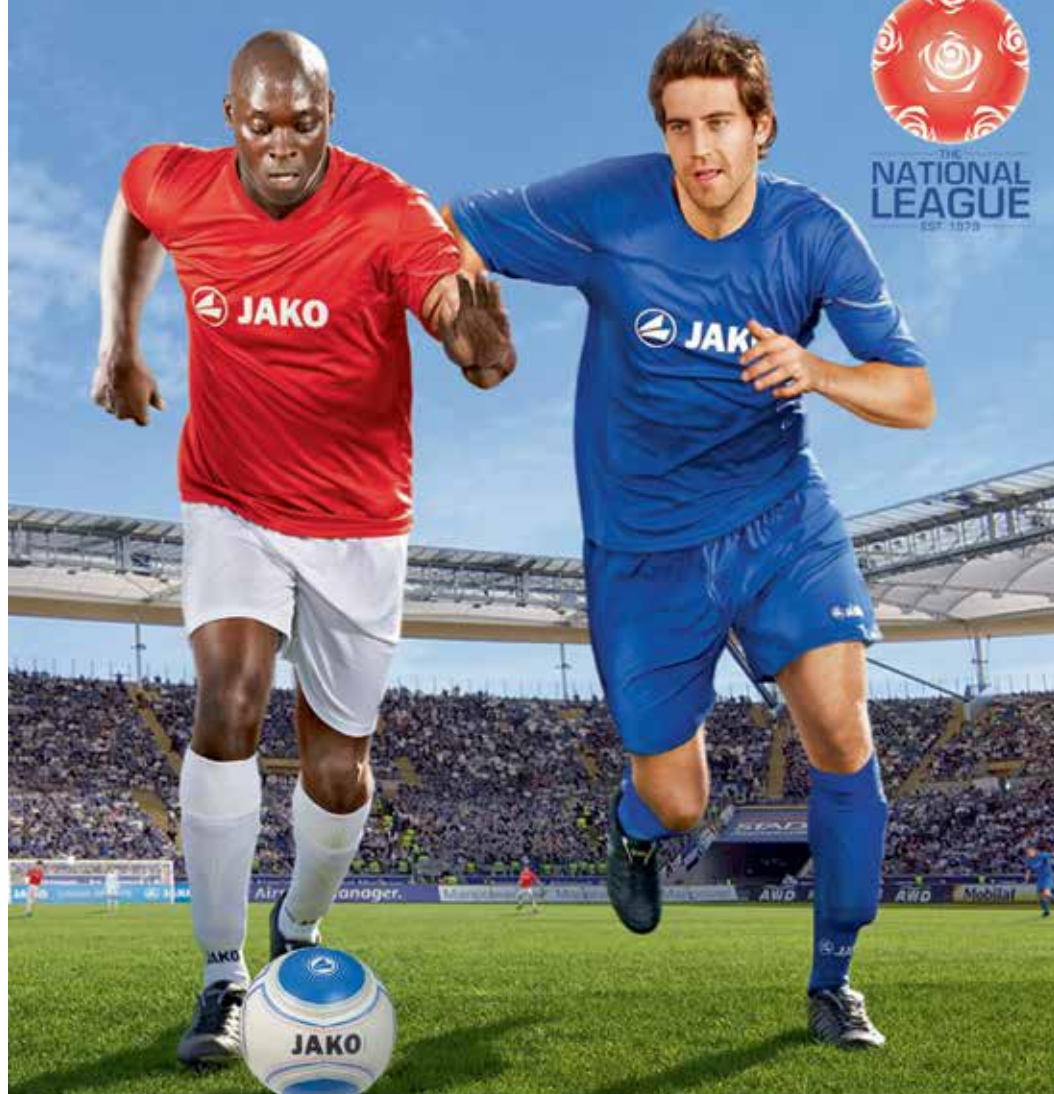
Looking nervously over their shoulders are Gainsborough, who are just one place above the drop after winning just one of their last five games.

Worcester City have slipped into the relegation places after not winning in the league since early November, a run of 12 games.

Second-bottom Stalybridge Celtic are well adrift, sitting 15 points from safety after winning just once in the league since the end of October.

And Altrincham finally made it into double figures for the season after drawing 0-0 with Harrogate last week. They are however, 20 points from safety with just one win all season.

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MARK FANNING



Reserves

Darlington Reserves are now up to ninth in the Wearside League table after producing their best performance yet to beat third placed Redcar Athletic last Saturday.

The resses have now won five games in a row, and have climbed from the bottom three in the table to within sight of the top seven in four sparkling months.

They beat Redcar Athletic 3-2 last Saturday, holding on against a late Redcar onslaught in the closing stages of the game.

They took the lead through Joey Smith, and even though Redcar equalised, they went 3-1 up with goals by Kurt Matthews and Nathan Stephenson.

Redcar pulled a goal back from the spot in stoppage time, but the lads held on well.

Joint manager Mark Fanning said; "That was our best win of the season so far, but ironically we weren't at our footballing best. Redcar broke our usual play up, but we responded well.

"But no doubt about it, we played better football than them, and off the ball defensively we were superb."

Quakers included two new signings, keeper Joe Forbes and defender Alex Nelson, and both of them came through

well. Joe was drafted into the side on the morning of the game because three other registered keepers were either on County duty or unavailable. Defender Alex moved from Northern League club West Auckland on the day before the game and slotted in very well.

It's all looking quite promising for the rest of the season for the lads, who make up for their lack of experience at this level with their skill, energy and enthusiasm which is clearly causing opponents plenty of problems. It's clear that the coaching and facilities being provide to them by the club is paying dividends, and the future is in good hands.

The reserves are at home this afternoon to Gateshead Leam Rangers, then they face a huge test when they face league leaders Jarrow at Eastbourne on 4th March, kick off 2.30 pm. So if you're not travelling with the first team to the game at Worcester that day, then why not pop along and support the reserves against top of the table Jarrow and listen to the Worcester v Darlo game on Darlo Fans Radio at the same time?

They're also at home to Boldon CA on 11th March, the same day that the first team is away to Stalybridge.



NATHAN STEPHENSON



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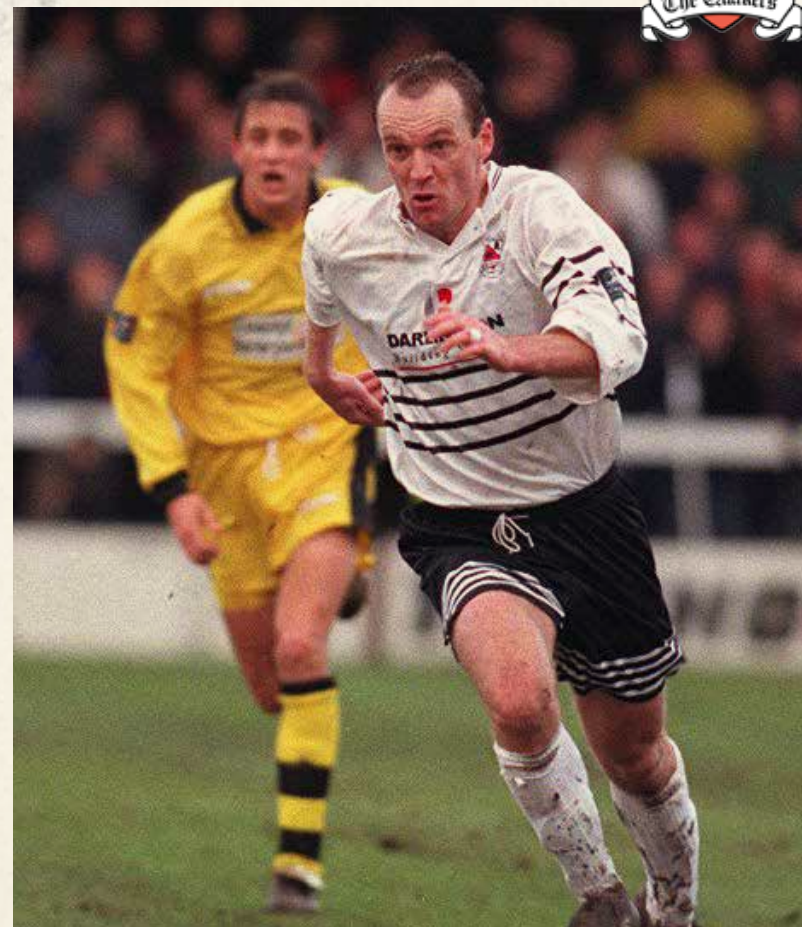


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PICTURES FROM THE PAST



AUSTRIAN STRIKER MARIO DÖRNER WAS WITH DARLINGTON FOR TWO SEASONS IN THE LATE-1990S, AND A REGULAR SCORER DURING HIS TIME WITH THE CLUB.

HE JOINED FROM MOTHERWELL ALONGSIDE FELLOW COUNTRYMAN FRANZ RESCH IN OCTOBER 1997, FINISHING HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN BY CONTRIBUTING 11 GOALS AS DARLINGTON FINISHED THE SEASON 19TH UNDER DAVID HODGSON.

THE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGN WAS LESS FRUITFUL, SCORING ONLY FOUR TIMES, THOUGH ONE OF THEM CAME IN THE MEMORABLE FA CUP WIN OVER BURNLEY WHEN QUAKERS RECOVERED FROM BEING TWO GOALS BEHIND BY SCORING THREE GOALS IN THE LAST TEN MINUTES.

HE IS PICTURED PLAYING AGAINST EXETER CITY AT FEETHAMS ON JANUARY 24, 1998, A GAME IN WHICH HE SCORED ONCE AND DARLINGTON WON 3-2.



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STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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3. In Venice what colour are all the official gondolas painted?
4. Which type of foodstuff is Monterey Jack?
5. In which fictional prison was TV sitcom Porridge set?
6. Which English king reigned over the longest period, in fact for 59 years?
7. In opera what is the highest pitched female singing voice called?
8. In the biblical story how many fishes did Jesus use to feed the five thousand?
9. How was English comic Arthur Jefferson better known in the movie world?
10. Where in the body are your lachrymal glands?
11. Which instrument was played by band leader Count Basie?
12. Which mythical creature is half man, half horse?

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

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ANSWERS
ON
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SECOND HALF – SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

13. In which Australian city would you find the WACA cricket ground?
14. Who, in 1988, was the first British golfer to win the US Masters?
15. Which country won the FIFA World Cup in 1954?
16. What colour flag in Formula One motor racing indicates a driver disqualification?
17. Which tennis player was stabbed whilst on court in Hamburg in 1993?
18. Which National League North club was once managed as a Football League club by Pools' manager Dave Jones?
19. In which weight division did Cassius Clay win gold in the Rome Olympics in 1960?
20. Which two sports are combined in the biathlon?
21. Which club team recently defeated Barcelona 4 – 0 in a Champion's League match?
22. The acronym NASCAR refers to which kind of motor racing?
23. In which US city is the NFL team called the Chargers?
24. Which of Quakers' opponents this season are nicknamed the Magpies?

**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 Memory Match column, Simon Weatherill looks back to the 5-3 home win over Northampton on 28th February 1984.

Another summer of upheaval at Darlington Football Club in 1983 as the club made yet another managerial change. Billy Elliott was relieved of his duties after four seasons in the hot seat and was replaced by Cyril Knowles. Originally, when Elliott was sacked, the club announced that they would be appointing a player manager. Newcastle's Irish international Mick Martin and Chelsea's Bryan "Pop" Robson were the early front runners for the post, but the club had a re-think and went for Knowles, who had been working as Malcolm Allison's first team coach at Middlesbrough. Knowles wasted no time in appointing John Craggs as his assistant. He then set about reshaping the side by signing Colin Ross from Boro and Peter Johnson from Newcastle. Six games into the season he also added Kevin Todd from Newcastle as he tried to find a strike partner for Alan Walsh. Ex Sunderland striker Bob Lee had started the season in the number nine shirt, but he had been released after just five league appearances. Knowles then signed Paul Bannon on loan from Carlisle, and then tried former Derby County front man Roger Davies, but neither added the firepower that the manager was looking for. His quest for a centre forward continued, but was always hampered by a lack of funds.

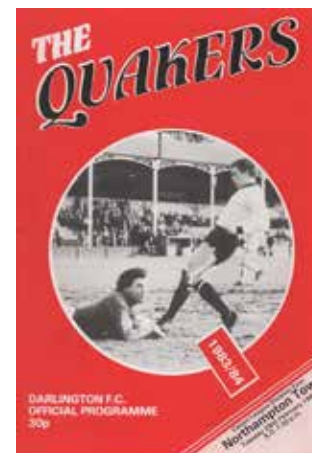
Financial problems plagued the club once again and a dispute with the cricket club over terms for a new lease in December threatened to see the football club homeless, but a last minute deal (brokered by the mayor) was worked out, that allowed the Quakers to remain at Feethams. In order to help pay the increased rent, the club increased admission charges in the New Year. Ground admission for an adult went up to £2 from the previous £1.70.

By the time Northampton Town visited Feethams on February 28th, Knowles had turned to John Hannah to try and solve his goal scoring problem. Hannah was an apprentice pit electrician at Kellingley Colliery near Pontefract who played for the club on a part time basis. He'd made eight appearances for the reserves, scoring four times, which had earned him a first team debut off the substitutes bench in the previous home game against Chesterfield, scoring the winner in the 87th minute in a 2-1 win. He would be making his first start against Northampton, replacing Brian Honour, who dropped to the bench. Centre half Kevan Smith was doubtful for the game with a calf injury but recovered in time to play. Northampton sat comfortably just above half way in the table with 43 points from their 30 games. The Quakers were struggling in 17th place with 34

points from 29 games played.

A crowd of 1328 turned out at Feethams for the Tuesday night fixture with the Cobblers. They saw the visiting side take the lead in the 17th minute through left winger Eugene Martinez, who was on loan from Newport. The Quakers equalised after 31 minutes when Alan Walsh pressurised visiting keeper Peter Gleasure into fumbling a through ball and then tapped the loose ball into an open goal for his 99th Darlington career goal. Two minutes before half time he thought he'd notched his 100th but as his shot beat the keeper and rolled towards goal, John Hannah threw himself forwards to get the final touch and claim the goal for himself. Six minutes after half time, and completely against the run of play, the Cobblers drew level when Austin Hayes fired home. The goal sparked the Quakers into action and they took complete control of the game, with the front three of Walsh, Hannah and Kevin Todd causing their visitors all sorts of problems.

They regained the lead in the 71st minute with the landmark goal that the crowd had been waiting for. Peter Johnson hit a shot from just outside the box that Gleasure did well to tip over the bar. The resulting corner by Dave McLean was cleared as far as Tim Gilbert, who chipped the ball into the



box over the onrushing defence to the waiting Walsh, who superbly volleyed home for his 100th Quakers goal. Five minutes later Hannah grabbed his second of the night when he finished off a great move by Todd and McLean who had combined brilliantly in the build up. Then in the 82nd minute a McLean corner was firmly headed home by Kevan Smith. Three goals in eleven minutes had crushed the Cobblers and given the Quakers all three points. They relaxed at 5-2 in front and allowed Northampton a consolation goal in the 86th minute when Hayes blasted home to make the final score Darlington 5 Northampton 3.

Walsh's double strike against Northampton proved to be his last goals in a Darlington shirt. Troubled by a groin injury he managed only six more starts before the end of the season. The following summer he was transferred to Bristol City where he spent 5 years before moving to Turkey, where he won two Turkish championship

TEAM CHECK	
DARLINGTON	NORTHAMPTON
Shilly (Manager)	Wright (Manager)
Fred Barber	Alan Milne
John Craggs	Alan Milne
Peter Johnson	Alan Milne
Kevan Smith	Alan Milne
David Barton	Alan Milne
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medals under Gordon Milne at Besiktas in 1990 and 1991. (His success in Turkey coincided with Darlington's successful seasons under Brian Little. While Walsh was winning two Turkish titles, the Quakers won two titles as well, Conference and Division 4). Walsh's career stats in the six seasons as a Quaker were 279 appearances, 100 goals (87 league, 6 FA Cup and 7 league cup.) He remains the club's top goal scorer.

Inconsistent results continued as the Quakers remained towards the foot of the table. They flirted with the bottom four re-election places but always managed to find a win when it really mattered. They finished the season with a six game unbeaten run that lifted them to 14th place with 59 points from 46 games. Knowles continued his reshaping of the squad as he built towards a promotion push in the following season. He signed Mike Angus from Southend, Phil Lloyd from Barnsley and Mark Forster on loan from Leicester City. In the

following summer he finally got the big target man he'd been looking for, when Walsh left for Bristol, Knowles used a chunk of that transfer money to sign Carl Airey from Barnsley.

The programme for the 83/84 season consisted of 12 pages and cost 30 pence. It featured a manager's column called Cyril Speaks, two pages about our visitors, two pages of results, appearances and a league table under the heading Fact File, Encounters by Frank Tweddle, describing previous games against our opponents and Personality Profile, featuring one of the first team squad. The team line-ups were on the back cover.

Team v Northampton :

1 Fred Barber 2 John Craggs 3 Peter Johnson 4 Tim Gilbert 5 Kevan Smith 6 Dave Barton 7 Peter Cartwright 8 Kevin Todd 9 John Hannah 10 Alan Walsh 11 Dave McLean 12 Brian Honour (replaced Hannah)

18TH FEBRUARY 2017**BOSTON UNITED 1
DARLINGTON 2**

Darlington won their sixth away league game of the season thanks to two first half goals and stayed firmly in promotion contention.

Boston had a couple of half chances before Quakers took the lead after 14 minutes, when a long throw by Gary Brown was flicked on by Kevin Burgess, and the ball ran to the far post where Nathan Cartman tapped the ball home for his fifth league goal of the season.

Quakers nearly went 2-0 up on 26 minutes when David Ferguson curled a corner over from the right for David Syers to head firmly towards goal, but Boston keeper Ross Durrant pulled off a good one handed save.

Quakers went 2-0 up just before half time. Ferguson swung the free kick into box where it was scrambled away as far as Syers twelve yards out, and he volleyed the ball first time left footed into the bottom corner of the net for his sixth since he joined the club.

Quakers had the chances to score a third in the second half, but Stephen Thompson was unlucky with a right foot shot that Ross Durrant saved at full stretch, when he curled a free kick just past the post.

Boston then made two substitutions which gave them some momentum. They had a chance on 57 minutes when a throw in dropped for Karl Hawley in the box, and after his shot was charged down, sub Colby Bishop lifted the rebound over the bar.

But they succeeded in pulling a goal back on 59 minutes when Hawley fired past keeper Ed Wilczynski from twelve yards after the ball was knocked down to him at the far post.

And it was nearly 2-2 when Alex Simmons got through when he ran into the box from the right, but Wilczynski blocked at his feet.

Wilczynski then pulled off another excellent one handed save to stop a left footed free kick from Simmons from 20 yards going in the bottom corner.

Boston had another chance when Hawley set up Rollins but Wilczynski blocked with his feet, then Simmons curled the follow up over the bar.

Quakers hit back and nearly got a third in the 89th minute when sub Terry Galbraith curled a free kick over from the right, and Syers just failed to get a touch a couple of yards out.

But Quakers kept it tight at the back, and gained their first win at Boston since 1989.

STATS:

Team: Wilczynski, Falkingham, Ferguson, Turnbull (sub Galbraith 80), Burgess, Brown, Syers, Scott, Beck, Cartman (sub Hardy 70), Thompson (sub Gillies 90+5)

Subs not used: Bell, Blackford Booking: Syers

Boston United: Durrant, Gatter (sub Thomas 53), Robinson, Batchelor, Yeomans, Clarke, Chapman, Hilliard (sub Bishop 53), Simmons, Hawley, Rollins

Subs not used: Gordon, Fitzpatrick, Chippendale Booking: Yeomans

Goals: Cartman (14 mins, 0-1), Syers (44 mins, 0-2), Hawley (63 mins, 1-2)

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NATHAN CARTMAN OPENS THE SCORING

THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

6 – the number of away league wins this season

7 -- Quakers position in the table after the win

24 – the number of away points that Quakers had picked up this season

27 – the number of years since Quakers had won at York Street

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

234 – the number of Darlington fans in the crowd



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

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SPEAKING

BY ANTH
MCMASTER

Good Afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows.

After a good three points away at Boston last Saturday, hopefully, a lot of people have taken up the 'Bring a Friend' initiative and we have another good crowd today here at Blackwell Meadows. We're slowly getting used to our new home here, so let's make it a proper heart of the community.

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TODAY'S MASCOT

Jay Bradley is aged 9 and goes to St Mary's School in Grangetown. His favourite player is Kevin Burgess.

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QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

Hi everyone and a warm welcome to our visitors from Harrogate Town today.

It was a good win at Boston last Saturday and it made the journey home seem much shorter! Let's get behind the lads again today and make some noise because I know it makes a big difference to the team. Come on Darlo!



POLY TRACK JACKET AND PANTS Avec have been out of stock of the smaller sizes of these items for a while as they had sold particularly well. They have just received a

delivery of stock so they have all sizes available now. You will have seen our players wearing the track jackets, they are 100% soft feel polyester and have concealed zipped side pockets. They have a stand up collar with a full zip. The matching track pants, also worn by the players, have an elasticated waistband with a tapered leg which has a concealed zip. Both are available in black and the jacket has a contrasting white vapour vent side and shoulder panel. The jacket is priced at £37 and the track pants at £20.

MOBILE PHONE CASES

Our mobile phone cases are selling well. If you haven't seen them yet they are available to buy online or in the shop. Priced at £8 they look great and show our support for the club. We are keeping a small number in stock in the shop as they can be easily ordered and delivered by our supplier.



for sale at £10. They come in sizes 3 - 6 months and 6 - 12 months.

BABYGROWS I haven't mentioned our young fans for a while so if you have a baby or are expecting a cute little bundle in the near future we have our pure white babygrows

CAR STICKERS

Now we are based back in Darlington it would be a good time to show our support for the team by displaying a car sticker. Priced at only £3 you get two car stickers in the pack.



FOLLOWING
DARLINGTON FC
HOME AND AWAY

DAVE O'NEIL Dave joined the Quaker Retail staff last year and this is what Dave had to say about his memories as a Darlo fan. "The first Darlington match I saw was in April 1974 at home to Newport County. The club was in danger of having to apply for re-election that season (a regular occurrence during the 1970s) and I thought that this could be my last chance of seeing any league football in the town. That first game was a typical Darlington performance, losing 1-0 against 10 men! Undeterred I went to the next home match, a 1-1 draw with Hartlepool. The season culminated in Darlington having to win the last home game against Barnsley in order to guarantee their league status. They won 4-2, pitch invasion at the end of the game, great atmosphere. I was hooked!

My favourite game was the first match in the Northern League against Bishop Auckland. After all the trials and tribulations following administration I didn't know what to expect from a bunch of unknown players. The team played with pride and passion that day and the performance gave me hope that the team I had supported for close on 40 years was still alive and kicking and good for another 40 years!

When I retired last July I decided to give some of my spare time to the club and volunteered to work one day in Quaker Retail. I also help out on match days as well as being the Membership Secretary for DFCSG." Welcome to the team Dave!

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S GROUND REGULATIONS

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

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

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

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

And

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

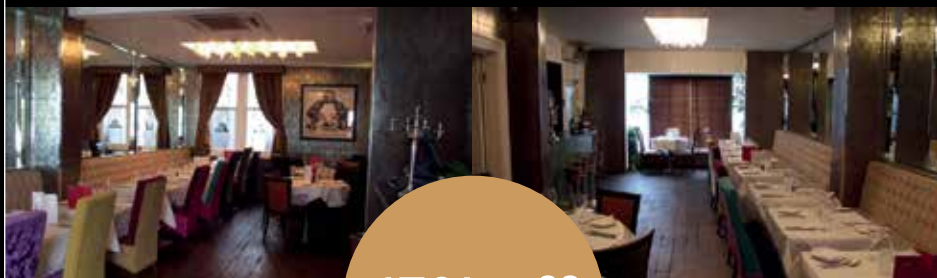
In order to protect you, the spectator, we reserve the right to search your person and/or effects and we further reserve the right to pursue legal action, civil or criminal, against any person who contravenes current legislation or our Ground/Stadium regulations.

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

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DFCSG Notes

BY WAYNE RAPER

Good afternoon and welcome to Blackwell Meadows for this
afternoon's Vanarama National League North game versus
Harrogate Town.

I'd like to extend my best wishes
to all Harrogate's players and
officials who treated us very well
earlier in the season on our visit to
Wetherby Road.

With the weather picking up and
the prospect of a hard fought
game against one of our more
local ties I'm hopeful that we'll
manage to attract some of the
fans who attended one of our first
two games in Darlington and we
can break the 2,000 barrier. It's
been great to see some younger
faces at the games so far which
bodes well for the future and I
hope we can try to tap into some
of those fans we lost in 2012 – if
you know one, drag them along to
a home game soon.

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match meal or at any other time.
Pizza Express manager Alistair
McGrath said; "It's great to see
the team back in town and we
are delighted to offer DFCSG
members 30% off the bill for food
and drink as a fan funded club
we are glad to help in any way we
can". We've more in the pipeline
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you're not yet a member you can
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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED AT BLACKWELL MEADOWS

The move to Blackwell Meadows
has meant that we need additional
stewards to comply with safety
regulations. At the moment the
Club are paying an external
security company to supply
the necessary additional staff,
which is an obvious drain on
finances. Therefore Darlington
Football Club is looking to recruit
additional volunteer stewards.
The priority is for stewards to
work the car park before and after
the game; the roles are to guide
drivers into their spaces before
the match and to help the queues
dissipate efficiently after the final
whistle. No qualifications are
necessary for these roles and you
will still be able to watch the full
game because the car park closes
30 minutes before kick-off and
doesn't re-open until 15 minutes
afterwards.

The Football Club needs four
additional stewards to cover the
car park before the game and
four for afterwards. Ideally they
could be the same people but if
you could only spare time either
before or afterwards, that's
fine – we would still like to hear
from you. If we receive sufficient
interest there will be scope to
operate a rota. This is also an
ideal opportunity for anyone that
needs some volunteer experience
on their CV.

As volunteers you wouldn't receive
payment. However, you would be

able to park your car and have
free entry to the match as well as
a hot drink. Also, if you don't have
access to a car, we could arrange
a lift back to your area of the town
after the match.

In addition, the Club is looking
for SIA licensed door persons for
duties within the clubhouse.

If anyone is interested in any of the
roles described above or would
like further information, please
email me at wayne.raper@dfcsng.co.uk.

FINAL DECISION ON NAME CHANGE LOOMING

You may have noticed the news
announced by the Football
Club last week that the
Membership Committee of the
Football Association has now
considered the application to
change the club's playing name
back to "Darlington", and has
recommended to the FA Council
that the name change should be
approved, to be effective for the
season 2017/18.

I would like to thank the 600+
DFCSG members that took
part in the on-line poll and
voted in favour of the change.
This was a significant factor in
the Membership Committee's
consideration as were the
representations submitted by
Supporters Direct and the Football
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Council will now make the final
decision on 3rd April 2017.

Enjoy the game!

Wayne Raper
DFCSG Chair

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LOOKING *Back*

In every programme, we look back to the efforts of our club historian, Frank Twedde. This week, we look back on his column for the home game against Bristol Rovers on 11th February 2006, a game that we drew 1-1 thanks to a goal by Simon Johnson in front of a 4,579 crowd.



1995-96

DARLINGTON 2
LEYTON ORIENT 0

Division 3 Attendance 1880

We played our fourth consecutive home game in the space of eighteen days twenty one years ago, when we entertained Leyton Orient, as we had suffered a series of postponements over Christmas because of bad weather. Gary Bannister was rested because of injury with Sean Gregan coming in and Robbie Blake was preferred to recent arrival Steve McMahon who stepped down to the bench. After a goalless first half we took the lead just after the hour when Robbie Blake nipped in to net a rebound after Steve Gaughan's strong shot was beaten out by the 'O's keeper. Then with just 8 minutes remaining, substitute Steve McMahon side footed home from a Matty Appleby cross to claim his first (and only) goal in his ten appearances for the club. It was a good performance that took us to fourth in the table, yet well under 2000 stalwart supporters bothered to turn up for the game. Perhaps too many games in such a short period was just too much for the pocket.

Team: Newell, Barnard, Appleby, Crosby, Gregan, Shaw (sub McMahon 63) Himsworth, Olsson, Painter, Blake, Gaughan.

1985-86

CARDIFF CITY 0
DARLINGTON 1

Division 3 Attendance 2222

We had not played a game since Boxing Day because of the poor weather, when we made our first ever league trip down to Cardiff to play City at Ninian Park some 60 years since we had last met in an FA Cup tie there in 1927. The corresponding league game played at Feethams the previous October, had resulted in a terrific 4-1 win for the Quakers and so we were looking for an inaugural double. Alan Roberts returned in place of young David Woodcock in the only change from the side that had won at Bury three days earlier. In a dour struggle between two sides low down in the league table a goal in the very last minute of the game settled the destination of the points and fortunately it was in our favour, when Gary MacDonald netted his 11th of the season. This gave us the required double over the 'Bluebirds' at the first time of asking and made it six valuable points in four days following our win at Bury.

Team: Barber, Evans, Morgan, Tupling, Green, Lloyd, Roberts, Robinson, Airey, MacDonald, Mclean.

1975-76

HARTLEPOOL UNITED 2
DARLINGTON 3

Division 4 Attendance 3655

We made the short trip to the east coast to face our great local rivals Hartlepool United 41 years ago, hoping to avenge a defeat at Feethams in the corresponding game the previous November. The 'Pools' were managed by former Feethams managers in Ken Hale and his assistant, Billy Horner and also fielded former Quaker keeper John Hope in between the posts. Two goals in the space of eleven first half minutes from Dave Smith and John Rowlands put Hartlepool in control and we looked to be heading for our eight away defeat in a row. Yet we staged a terrific come back to stun the 'Pools' and claim only our third away win of the season. Clive Nattress got the first seven minutes into the second period with Billy Coulson equalising six minutes later. The travelling Quaker fans went wild on 78 minutes when Colin Sinclair hit the winner, with his ninth of the season, to complete an amazing fight back and leave the home fans and management distraught.

Team: Ogley, Nattress, Cochrane, Cowan, Craig, Noble, Holbrook, Rowles, Sinclair, Lowery, Coulson.



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COMMUNITY



We've got two contributors to the notes this week. First, Matty Charlton:

To Pools and Back...

The day has finally arrived that myself, my cousin Adam, and also Lee's team, Barnard Castle Under 8s come to take part in the Matchday Experience. It'd be an understatement to say they've been rather excited for today, and was a rather good bribe in terms of behaviour at training without sounding too harsh on them! Our season so far has been thrilling to say the least, we've scored more than three in every game, and most recently, last weekend, went over to Hartlepool of all places, and put in a top drawer performance, winning by a rather large margin, 10-1. The potential of them all is huge, from a goalkeeper who pretends to be Neuer and runs out of his box with the ball at his feet, and a centre half who loves Cruyff turns, as well as many other crazy but football loving lads. It'll be nice for some of them to get their first taste of Darlington FC and live football matches today, and possibly even one day, may even be players themselves sitting in that dressing room. I can't wait to see them on the pitch at half time, hopefully you give them all a wonderful reception as always on their lap of honour! The reverse fixture down Harrogate was a memorable one, and a very solid and top notch performance, so hopefully, today brings the same, and three points to help us push our way back in the play offs.

Hope you all enjoy the game,

Matty.

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ANDREW AND HIS TEAM, CONTACT HIM AT ANDREW.ALTON@DARLINGTONFC.ORG OR ON 07837816646.



The second, Andrew Alton:

I'm proud of my Community Programme team, but last week I was super proud of one member after finding out Matty had been nominated for 'Apprentice of the Year'. This was for his coaching job that he has been doing in and around the Teesdale area, his rapport with the children and his high standard of coaching being noted. I have myself witnessed this first hand and wholeheartedly agree! A massive well done to Matty from myself and all at the club!

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QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Pen 2. Michael Collins 3. Black 4. Cheese 5. Slade Prison 6. George III 7. Soprano 8. Five 9. Stan Laurel 10. Eyes 11. Piano 12. Centaur

HALF-TIME TEASER Stamford

SECOND HALF - SPORTING KNOWLEDGE 13. Perth 14. Sandy Lyle 15. West Germany 16. Black 17. Monica Seles 18. Stockport County 19. Light Heavyweight 20. Cross-country skiing & shooting 21. Paris St Germain 22. Stock car racing 23. San Diego 24. Chorley

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6	Stockport County	30	15	9	6	47	33	54	+14
7	Darlington	29	14	8	7	63	45	50	+18
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11	Brackley	28	12	9	7	42	34	45	+8
12	Curzon Ashton	30	10	7	13	48	56	37	-8
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15	Nuneaton	29	8	8	13	38	47	32	-9
16	AFC Telford United	29	7	10	12	27	33	31	-6
17	Alfreton	29	8	7	14	52	70	31	-18
18	Bradford Park Avenue	30	9	4	17	34	57	31	-23
19	Gainsborough Trinity	30	7	9	14	42	62	30	-20
20	Worcester City	30	6	10	14	35	45	28	-10
21	Stalybridge Celtic	28	4	3	21	24	63	15	-39
22	Altrincham	29	1	7	21	25	68	10	-43

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	28		2	1	12	
Gary Brown	24	1	3		3	
Kevin Burgess	23	1			4	
Nathan Cartman	12	14	3		5	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	11	4	3			
David Ferguson	3	1				
Terry Galbraith	27	2	3		8	1
Josh Gillies	23	3	2		9	
Liam Hardy	12	10	2	1	7	1
Chris Hunter	7	2	2	1		
Peter Jameson	22					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	23		3			
Jack McClaren						
Adam Mitchell	5	6			1	
Lewis Nightingale		1				
Adam Nowakowski	2	4				
Tom Portas	8	2	1			
Amar Purewal	1	5		1	1	1
Harvey Saunders		2				
Leon Scott	15	6	2	1		
David Syers	6	9	1	1	6	
Stephen Thompson	25	2	1	2	4	1
Phil Turnbull	27		1	1	1	
Lewis Walker	1					
Jordan Watson	7	2	1			
Arran Wearmouth						
Ed Wilczynski	3					
Paul Woolston	3		1			
own goals					1	

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Scorers Names in **BOLD**

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

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Sat Aug 6th	Altrincham	A	3.00	2-2	1506	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Scott	Purewal	Cartman	Gillies	Now'ski	Portas	Hardy	Bell	Night'le		
Sat Aug 13th	Boston United	H	3.00	4-1	1435	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Mitchell	Bell	Now'ski		
Mon Aug 15th	Curzon Ashton	A	7.45	2-1	482	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Scott	Purewal	Night'le	Bell	Cartman		
Sun Aug 21st	Gloucester City	A	3.00	2-1	665	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Cartman	Scott	Bell	Mitchell		
Wed Aug 24th	Chorley	H	7.45	2-0	1543	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Thomp'n	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski		
Sat Aug 27th	Alfreton	H	3.00	3-4	1349	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies2	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Purewal	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski		
Mon Aug 29th	FC United of Manchester	A	7.45	3-2	2731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Bell		
Fri Sep 2nd	Kidderminster Harriers	H	7.45	0-1	1731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Hunter	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Portas	Now'ski	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Purewal		
Wed Sep 7th	Stockport County	H	7.45	2-1	1730	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Cartman	Bell	Purewal		
Sat Sep 10th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-1	655	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Gillies	Now'ski	Brown	Cartman	Bell		
Wed Sep 14th	Bradford Park Avenue	A	7.45	2-1	611	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Now'ski	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Cartman	Mitchell	Hardy	Scott	Purewal	H Scott	Robi'son		
Sat Sep 17th	FA Cup 2QR Lancaster City	A	3.00	1-2	580	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Purewal	Thomp'n	Hunter	Mitchell	Now'ski		
Sat Sep 24th	Stalybridge Celtic	H	3.00	4-1	1231	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Now'ski	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy2	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Mitchell	Jameson	Purewal		
Sat Oct 8th	Brackley Town	A	3.00	2-2	642	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Mitchell	Cartman	Davey	Jameson	Smith		
Sat Oct 15th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	3.00	5-2	1424	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Burgess	Syers	Cartman	Bell	Davie		
Sat Oct 22nd	Worcester City	H	3.00	5-1	1479	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown2	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson		
Sat Oct 29th	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	4-1	2172	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Davie		
Sat Nov 5th	Tamworth	A	3.00	1-2	914	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson		
Sat Nov 12th	AFC Fylde	H	3.00	1-1	2001	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Watson	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Hardy		
Sat Nov 19th	AFC Telford United	A	3.00	0-2	1136	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Scott		
Sun Nov 27th	Marine FATrophy 3r	H	3.00	2-2	743	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Hunter	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Watson		
Sat Dec 3rd	Salford City	H	3.00	2-2	1996	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Hunter		
Tues Dec 6th	Marine FA Trophy 3r replay A		7.45	2-3	308	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Syers	Hunter	Brown	Scott	Falk'ham	Hardy	Cartman	Gillies	Beck	Thomp'n	Turnbull	Bell	Milburn		
Sat Dec 17th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	1-2	1710	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Bell	Hunter	Cartman	Falk'ham		
Mon Dec 26th	FC Halifax Town	H	3.00	3-2	3000	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Falk'ham	Hardy	Syers	Hunter	Bell		
Sun Jan 1st	FC Halifax Town	A	3.00	2-2	2511	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Falk'ham	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell		
Sat Jan 7th	Nuneaton Town	H	3.00	1-2	2313	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Sau'ders	Syers	Bell	Falk'ham		
Sat Jan 14th	Gloucester City	H	3.00	2-0	1837	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Walker	Gillies	Syers	Cartman	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Sau'ders		
Sat Jan 21st	Stockport County	A	3.00	3-3	3649	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Ferg'son	Syers	Falk'ham	Walker	Wil'ski		
Sat Jan 28th	Curzon Ashton	H	3.00	1-3	1761	Wil'ski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Ferg'son	Gillies	Falk'ham	Syers	Cartman	Jameson	Sau'ders		
Sat Feb 4th	Chorley	A	3.00	1-1	1387	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Gillies	Galbr'ith	Sau'ders	Jameson	Blackford		
Sat Feb 18th	Boston United	A	3.00	2-1	1243	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Ferg'son	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Syers	Galbr'ith	Hardy	Gillies	Bell	Blackford		
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NEIL WAINWRIGHT WAS ONE OF QUAKERS' MOST POPULAR PLAYERS IN THREE SPELLS AT THE CLUB. HE ARRIVED ON LOAN FROM SUNDERLAND IN SEASON 1999-2000, THEN SIGNED ON A PERMANENT BASIS AT THE START OF THE 2001-02 SEASON. HE STOOD BY US DURING THE FIRST ADMINISTRATION IN 2003, THEN ANSWERED AN SOS FROM CRAIG LIDDLE TO PLAY FOR US DURING THE THIRD ADMINISTRATION. HE MADE 266 APPEARANCES FOR US, SCORING 28 TIMES.

Neil Wainwright

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TODAY'S Teams

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Liam Hardy	
Chris Hunter	
Peter Jameson	
Liam Marrs	
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Leon Scott	
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Wednesday 1st March
Our first night match at Blackwell
Meadows
Altrincham, kick off 7.45 pm
Saturday 18th March:
Brackley, kick off 3pm

Next away games:

Saturday 4th March
Worcester City, kick off 3pm
Saturday 11th March
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Today's other fixtures:

AFC Fylde v Tamworth, Altrincham v
Worcester City, Boston v Nuneaton,
Chorley v Alfreton, Gainsborough v
Curzon Ashton, Gloucester City v FC
United of Manchester, Kidderminster
v Stockport County, Salford City v AFC
Telford United, Stalybridge v Bradford
Park Avenue

The club would like to pass on its condolences to the family of

Darlington fan Alf Hutchinson, who
passed away last month at the age
of 78. He was a Darlington supporter
for over 60 years, and a season ticket
holder for most of them.

His most favourite player was Bill
Tulip, who scored 36 goals in 46 games
in season 1956-57.

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