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» WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows for today's Vanarama National League North game versus Kidderminster Harriers.

Manager John Eustace and his assistant Matt Gardiner have once again done a great job at Aggborough. They lost a few in the summer but have recruited well and the strength in depth is there for everyone to see. They are perfectionists though and won't be content with just being labelled a play-off side, they have high standards and I'm sure they will continue to get stronger in the business end of the season.

Last Saturday our five-match unbeaten run was ended away from home by high flying Brackley Town. With illness hitting the squad through the week, we were patched-up to say the least and it was always going to be a tough game.

Reece failing to be fit enough in time was another last-minute blow to the group as we were already without Thommo through suspension and four players were still with the physio.

It opened opportunities for others though and two players in particular.

Harvey Saunders has been working hard behind the scenes with his movement and timing of his runs, and it showed. He got in three times against the tightest defence in the league and if the referee had seen the rugby tackle to upend him halfway through the first half then the game could have had a completely different outcome. I was very happy with his contribution and he will get better and better.

Sixteen-year-old Mitchell Glover came off the bench and showed his qualities, getting on the ball and picking out passes. Having a rejuvenated Phil Turnbull in there with him was a massive help and almost like learning from the master himself. If he listens and learns he will have a great career in the game.

Despite missing those players, I felt despite a 3-0 scoreline we gave a decent account of ourselves and by no means did we come away from Brackley drained of confidence. We move on quickly after games and start to focus on the next. Your support once again was fantastic and I hope you made the long journey back up north not too despondent.

As a group we took some positives from it and we haven't been dwelling on negatives. The lads know what's expected of them from now until the end of the season and are focussed on assuring that happens.

Today we will cross that white line and want to get back to winning games and picking up points, anybody in this League can beat anybody and we are certainly no different. With injuries starting to clear up today we will look a lot stronger than we did last Saturday. We are boosted by the return of Styche and Thommo, Cates will today have a fitness test and Tom Portas will hopefully have come through a full week of training with no reaction and be in contention for a place on the bench.

Please make some noise today and get behind the lads. One criticism I often have with the lads is that we overplay around the opposition's box and we don't shoot enough -- so a few calls of 'Shoot!' this afternoon will be much appreciated!

Tommy

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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Sometimes when you finish a game and you've lost 3-0, you go off the field thinking that it was a fair result and you should have played better as a team, but last Saturday wasn't the case at all.

We walked off the pitch at Brackley, and I thought that the majority of our players had played well. We played some good football, but couldn't quite take our chances when they came along. But football is a results business, and strange as it sounds, I would rather play horrendous and win 1-0.

I thought their lad should have been sent off in the first half. I thought it was a red card offence when Harvey was pulled down outside the penalty area by the last man, and I tried to explain that to the referee, but he wouldn't listen. Harvey was through on goal and whether he would have scored or not, he still had a goalscoring opportunity and he was brought down.

The defender got a yellow card, but for me, he should have been sent off for denying a goalscoring opportunity.

It had a big impact on the game, because if he had been sent off, then we would have had more control on the game than what we already had. They

would have sat back even more and given us more time on the ball. That was never a 3-0 result on the day.

It was still an encouraging performance, and it shows that we've turned the corner. Two months ago we were maybe wondering where the next result was going to come from, but nowadays we're eagerly looking ahead to the next game.

We gave Kidderminster quite a good game earlier on in the season when we drew 3-3 at their place thanks to a great fightback, and so we'll be looking to go one better today.

And thanks again for your support, there has been great noise in our recent matches, and believe you me, it really does help the players!

Enjoy the game

Phil



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

Kidderminster Harriers are our visitors today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- The Harriers name comes from the club's early years in athletics and rugby before football began for the club in 1886
- The club played in the Birmingham and District League from 1889 to 1939
- In 1951-52 Harriers had the distinction of staging one of the first floodlit games in the history of the FA Cup at Aggborough
- They clinched promotion to the Alliance Premier League(National Premier) in 1983
- They played at Wembley four times in the FA Trophy final between 1987 and 2007, the last of which was played in front of over 50,000 fans against Stevenage
- In 1994 they knocked out Birmingham City at St Andrew's in the third round of the FA Cup, before then beating Preston North End. They lost at home to West Ham in the fifth round.
- Harriers won promotion to the Football League for the first time in 2000 under former Liverpool midfielder Jan Molby where they stayed for five seasons.
- They were the first visitors to the new Arena in 2003, winning 2-0 in front of 14,000 spectators
- After relegation from the Football League in 2005 they were in the National Premier before being relegated to the National North in 2016

LAST SIX GAMES

17/02/2018 Harrogate Town (H) Lost 2-0
 05/02/2018 Curzon Ashton (A) Won 2-1
 27/01/2018 Southport (H) Won 3-0
 23/01/2018 FC United of Manchester (H) Won 4-0
 16/01/2018 Stockport County (A) Lost 3-0 FA Trophy
 13/01/2018 Stockport County (H) Drew 2-2 FA Trophy

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National North – Points 82 Position 2nd (lost in play offs)
 2015/16 National Premier – Points 40 Position 23rd (Relegated)
 2014/15 National Premier – Points 57 Position 16th
 2013/14 National Premier – Points 72 Position 7th
 2012/13 National Premier – Points 93 Position 2nd
 2011/12 National Premier – Points 76 Position 6th

Kidderminster Harriers



KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS 2017/18 STATS

They have won the most points in the last 15 matches in the division -- 30

So far they have only won four of their 14 league matches on the road

They have the joint second best home record in the division with 31 points, the same as Harrogate, only behind Brackley.

Joe Ironside is the club's top scorer with 13 goals

Harriers have only been involved in two games this season which have had more than four goals

CONNECTIONS:

Darlington striker Reece Styche made 34 appearances for Kidderminster between 2014 and 2016, scoring six goals.

Quakers and Harriers have played each other on 21 occasions before, going back to season 1989-90. The most famous occasion was probably back in the Conference winning season of 1989-90 when Kidderminster beat Quakers 3-2 with a last minute goal, which meant that Quakers had to wait five days before winning the title at Welling.

Total games: 21. Darlo wins 6, Kidderminster wins 10, draws 5

LAST MATCH V HARROGATE TOWN

Harriers suffered a rare Aggborough defeat last Saturday in going down 2-0 to Harrogate Town.

The title-chasing visitors netted a goal in each half through Joe Leesley and

Dominic Knowles to wrap up the points and condemn Harriers to a first league defeat since September 2017.

Joe Leesley opened the scoring for the visitors with a driven effort off the bar from inside the area. On the half hour Harriers thought they had levelled matters when a fizzing free-kick from McQuilkin cannoned off the underside of the bar, into the path of Ironside who nodded home the loose ball, though apparently from an offside position.

The half edged to a close with Ngwatala again looking dangerous; his run met with Croasdale's shot before Ironside nodded a McQuilkin free-kick into the arms of James Belshaw in goal.

Harriers looked to regroup in the second period but were hit with a killer blow barely two minutes past the restart as, watching a long delivery down, Dominic Knowles turned into the area and drove the ball into the bottom corner.

Kidderminster: – Flatt, Vaughan, Pearson, Croasdale, Horsfall, Austin, Weeks(Bradley), McQuilkin, Ironside(Brown), Ngwatala, Sonupe(Waring)

Manager – John Eustace

John was named Harriers manager in April 2016 as the club swiftly began its preparations in reaction to relegation from the National League.



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

Born in Solihull, Eustace enjoyed a stellar playing career, amassing almost 500 senior appearances in the Premier League and Championship for Coventry, Stoke, Watford and Derby, playing a big part in Derby's fortunes in 2015.

A born leader, Eustace has the credentials for a strong career in management and wasted no time in establishing Harriers as a competitive force in the National League North in 2016/17, leading the team to the play-offs.

Ryan Croasdale - Captain



Ryan began his career with Preston after coming through their youth ranks, but left to join Sheffield Wednesday almost three years ago.

He's had loan spells with Stalybridge and Tamworth at this level and, having

left Wednesday in the summer of 2016, came to Aggborough as a free agent last season, earning himself a deal until the end of the campaign after impressing initially on a non-contract basis, but then penning a longer-term deal after a string of impressive displays in the middle of the park. He made his England C debut in May 2017.

Joe Ironside - Top scorer



Harriers signed Joe Ironside from Nuneaton Town in March 2017.

A former Sheffield United youth prospect, Joe spent three years with the Blades, picking up non-league experience on loan Halifax and Harrogate before moving to Alfreton Town and, just over a year ago, Nuneaton Town when Tommy Wright was manager.

His form for Nuneaton during 2016/17

Kidderminster Harriers



caught the attention of many but despite attentions from teams above Harriers in the National League North and National League, Ironside opted to make the switch to Aggborough, netting two goals on his debut just hours after the deal was completed.

Elton Ngwatata



This charismatic Frenchman needed little re-introduction to the Harriers fan base when he returned to Aggborough in August 2017.

Over the previous 18 months he made close to 60 appearances for the club with his trademark style and flair, netting ten goals in the process.

At the end 2016/17 of last season he'd been widely tipped for a move into the Football League, but after staying in very close contact over the course of the summer, the club were able to tempt the midfielder back to Worcestershire.

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS - THIS SEASON

Last season they only lost out on promotion in the playoff semi finals and had similar aspirations this time around, despite the strength of the division.

However, Kidderminster struggled at the start of the season losing four of their first seven games in August. In total they only won four of their first ten games.

Despite this poor start their defeat to Tamworth on the second of September would prove to be their last league defeat until a week ago. Harriers then went 17 games unbeaten in the league before defeat at home to Harrogate last Saturday.

The run has seen Kidderminster shoot up the table into the playoff places, with their form making them one of the favourites to be in the top seven come the end of April.

They have also had a good year in cup competitions, reaching the first round of the FA Cup and the second round of the FA Trophy.

SQUAD:

Manager: John Eustace

Goalkeepers: Brandon Hall, Jono Brown, Tom Palmer

Defenders: Lee Vaughan, Jimmy O'Connor, James Pearson, Fraser Horsfall, Kennedy Digie, Joel Taylor

Midfielders: Ryan Croasdale, James McQuilkin, Dan Bradley, Declan Weeks, Liam Truslove

Forwards: Elton Ngwatata, Emmanuel Sonupe, Sam Austin, Andre Brown, Joe Ironside, George Waring



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>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON



Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the game.

It was bad luck that our great unbeaten run came to an end last Saturday at Brackley. The lads had played some great football in the five games before that, and Tommy has got them playing the way he wants to. If the thrilling last home game against Blyth was anything to go by, then we're going to see plenty more entertaining matches in the weeks to come. The next few weeks are important, but there are some very winnable fixtures which hopefully will make sure that we don't hang around in the bottom half of the table.

The lads have certainly shown what they're capable of, and from what I've read, heard and been told about the game last Saturday at Brackley, then we didn't deserve to lose 3-0, especially as Brackley should have had a man sent off.

But at least we have plenty to build on at the moment, and the hard work that everyone has put in over the last few weeks has started to pay dividends. It's also a feather in our cap that three players – Luke Trotman, Joe Wheatley and Josh Heaton – will all be attending the Jamie Vardy Academy in June. I know some people are worried that they might be picked up by another club for nothing, but don't worry, they're all on contract! Everyone will benefit from the experience.

As you can see, the new seated stand on the far side of the ground is almost complete – there are just a few bits and pieces to finish off.

I'm sure you'll agree that the structure has considerably improved the appearance of the ground, and now we'll be able to offer an excellent facility for home and away fans, particularly families. We're offering a great incentive to encourage families to come to matches, in that under 11s will be able to come free. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard on the project, more details of which are on our website.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete Dave Collinge's Matchday Experience survey. There were some very interesting issues and points raised, and as a result, Dave then produced an outside catering survey. We have discussed the findings along with Chris Stockdale and the DFCSG, and we'll be raising several issues and potential improvements with the rugby club.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the fans, players and officials from Kidderminster and hope that they have a safe journey home.

David



KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

GERRY HITCHENS

Widely regarded as Kidderminster Harriers' finest discovery, centre-forward Gerry Hitchens was capped seven times by England including the 1962 World Cup. Moving to Kidderminster from Highley, he signed professional in September 1953 and quickly became a goalscoring favourite in the Southern League. He joined Cardiff City in January 1955, then moved to Aston Villa for £22,500 in December 1957 and starred as they won the Second Division title in 1959-60 and League Cup in 1960-61. Subsequently playing for Italian giants Inter Milan, Torino, Atalanta and Cagliari, he suffered a fatal heart-attack in April 1983.

KEVIN KEELAN

Goalkeeper Kevin Keelan briefly played for Kidderminster Harriers during the 1961-62 season. Born in Calcutta, he grew up in Kidderminster and turned professional with Aston Villa in July 1958. He had a spell with Stockport County before moving to Aggborough in August 1961. Making ten Birmingham League appearances for Harriers, he joined Wrexham

in November 1961 and moved to Norwich City in July 1963. He was a key figure as they twice won promotion to the top-flight and played in two League Cup finals. Awarded the MBE prior to joining Tampa Bay Rowdies in May 1981, he has settled in Florida.

PAUL JONES

Goalkeeper Paul Jones was capped 50 times by Wales after leaving Kidderminster Harriers. A former Shrewsbury Town junior, he played for Bridgnorth Town before moving to Aggborough in August 1986. He was ever-present as Kidderminster reached the Welsh Cup final in 1989 and were FA Trophy finalists in 1991, making 162 Conference appearances for Harriers prior to joining Wolves for £40,000 in July 1991. Moving to Stockport County in July 1996, he starred in their 1996-97 promotion success and League Cup run, then followed Dave Jones to Southampton. He later played for Liverpool, Wolves again and QPR.

LEE HUGHES

England Semi-Pro striker Lee Hughes played for Kidderminster Harriers in the 1995 FA Trophy final.



Progressing through the ranks at Aggborough, he was leading marksman in 1996-97 and netted 51 goals in 108 Conference games before moving to West Brom in May 1997. He was top scorer in successive seasons and joined Coventry City for £5,000,000 in August 2001. Rejoining West Brom for £2,500,000 in August 2002, he was jailed in August 2004 for causing death by dangerous driving. He has since been at Oldham Athletic, Notts County, Port Vale, Forest Green Rovers, Kidderminster again, Ilkeston and Worcester City.

DEAN GLOVER

One-time Kidderminster Harriers central defender Dean Glover made almost 450 League appearances. Signing professional for Aston Villa in December

1981, he gained top-flight experience and joined Middlesbrough for £50,000 in June 1987. He starred in their 1987-88 promotion campaign, moving to Port Vale for a club record £200,000 in February 1989. Helping them to clinch promotion that season, he was an important figure in their 1993 Autoglass Trophy final triumph and 1993-94 promotion success. He joined Kidderminster in June 1998 and made 17 Conference appearances, then returned to Port Vale as a coach.

PHIL KING

Ex-England B international left-back Phil King featured in Kidderminster Harriers' 1999-2000 Conference title campaign. Initially with Exeter City, he moved via Torquay United to Swindon Town for £155,000 in February 1987. Ever-present in 1987-88, he helped qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1988-89 and joined Sheffield Wednesday for £400,000 in November 1989. He featured in their 1990-91 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, then played for Aston Villa, Swindon again and Brighton before joining Kidderminster in May 1999. Scoring twice in 14 Conference games, he finished his career with Bath City.

MIKE MARSH

Skilful midfielder Mike Marsh starred as Kidderminster Harriers won the Conference title in 1999-2000. Initially with Kirkby, he joined Liverpool in August 1987 and was a member of their 1992 FA Cup winning

squad. He had spells at West Ham and Coventry, then reunited with Graeme Souness at Galatasaray and Ronnie Whelan at Southend. Following injury, he played for Southport, then scored four goals in 24 Conference games for Jan Molby's Kidderminster. He also won the Conference title with Boston United in 2001-02 and UniBond League title with Accrington Stanley in 2002-03 before holding coaching posts.

BARRY HORNE

Former Welsh international midfielder Barry Horne played for Kidderminster Harriers during the 2000-01 campaign. A latecomer to professional football, he played for Rhyl while studying at Liverpool University and joined Wrexham in June 1984. He starred in their 1986 Welsh Cup final triumph, joining Portsmouth in July 1987. Sold to Southampton for £700,000 in March 1989, then Everton in July 1992, he was an FA Cup winner in 1995. He played for Birmingham City, Huddersfield Town and Sheffield Wednesday, moving to Harriers in August 2000. Scoring once in 33 League games, he joined Walsall in March 2001, then Belper.

DEAN STURRIDGE

One-time Kidderminster Harriers striker Dean Sturridge was leading marksman in Derby County's 1995-96 promotion success. Signing professional for Derby in July 1991, he had a loan spell at Torquay United and established himself



after Jim Smith became manager. He also topped Derby's goalscoring charts in 1996-97, moving to Leicester City for £350,000 in January 2001. Joining Wolves for a similar fee ten months later, he featured in their 2002-03 First Division play-off final triumph. He had spells at Sheffield United and QPR prior to joining Kidderminster in June 2006, making six Conference appearances for Harriers.

JEFF KENNA

Republic of Ireland international full-back Jeff Kenna was capped 27 times before joining Kidderminster Harriers. Initially with Southampton, he played in the 1992 ZDS Cup final and followed Alan Shearer and Tim Flowers to Blackburn Rovers for £1,500,000 in March 1995, helping them clinch the Premier League title that season. Joining Birmingham City in December 2001, he starred in their 2001-02 First Division play-off final success and moved via Derby County to Kidderminster in August 2006. He played in the 2007 FA Trophy final and scored once in 57 Conference games, then managed Galway and St Patrick's.



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DAVID SYERS HEADS
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AGAINST BLYTH



3RD FEBRUARY 2018 DARLINGTON 3 | BLYTH SPARTANS 0

We climbed up to 15th in the table with a comfortable 3-0 win over Blyth, and also stretched our unbeaten run to four league games.

It was our best display since Tommy Wright was appointed manager, and he said afterwards: "I was very proud of the players, they played some great football throughout the game."

It was also the first clean sheet since the win over FC United back in September, a run of 20 games.

KEY MOMENTS:

- 5** – David Syers had a left foot volley disallowed, the ball in from James Caton had gone out of play.
- 9** – Former Darlington striker Dale Hopson went close for Blyth, with an effort that shaved the post.
- 21** – Terry Galbraith headed Joe Wheatley's free kick just over the bar.
- 26** -- David Syers had a header disallowed for offside.
- 35** – Darlington keeper Aynsley Pears made a good one-handed save from a low Michael Liddle shot.

45+2 - 1-0! Reece Styche was fouled as he tried to control the ball in the box, and Stephen Thompson scored his seventh goal of the season from the spot, beating former Darlo keeper Peter Jameson.

48 – Styche headed a teasing left wing cross from Caton just over the bar.

58 – 2-0! Caton got to the bye line and pulled the ball back for Styche to sidefoot his ninth goal of the season from ten yards.

73 – 3-0! Blyth were torn apart by the third goal. A great ball out to the right by Wheatley was returned with great accuracy into the middle by Thompson for Syers to arrive with a late run and head into the top corner.

Darlington: Pears, Trotman, O'Hanlon, Turnbull, Heaton, Galbraith, Caton (sub Gillies 78), Wheatley, Styche (sub Saunders 82), Syers, Thompson (sub Scott 88).

Subs: Bancroft, Brown.

Blyth: Jameson, Atkinson, Liddle, Mullen (sub Wrightson 60), Buddle, Hutchinson, Rivers (sub Rutherford 69), Reid, Maguire, Hopson, Dale.

Subs: MacDonald, Laidler, Watson.

Attendance 1526

Joe Wheatley has bounced back from his disappointment of being released by Middlesbrough by becoming a regular in the Darlington midfield. He spoke to Ray Simpson

Joe played in every age group at Middlesbrough from the age of 7 all the way through until he was 20, after playing in the UEFA Under 19 Youth League.

He impressed enough when he was an early teen to be handed a two year scholarship contract when he turned 16, and then he had two years as a young pro before he was unfortunately shown the door last summer.

"I had a great time at Middlesbrough, particularly when we played in the Under 19 Youth League two seasons ago. We played at Reims in France, and were 5-1 down before we got back to 5-3 on the night, and we beat them 3-0 at Middlesbrough in the return game.

"We played Torino in the next round, and beat them 3-0 at home, but in the return leg they got back to 3-2 on aggregate before we managed to score a couple of goals. The stadium, the Stadio Olimpico, was fantastic, but I thought some of their players dived a bit too much.

"Then we played Dynamo Kiev at the Riverside and won 5-0 – I scored one of the goals—and then in the next round we lost 1-0 at Paris St Germain on their training ground. It was fantastic playing against those other clubs in Europe, and doing so well in the competition.

"I had another year after that as a pro, but last summer Boro decided to release

me, which I was quite upset about because I felt that I was doing really well, and that I was worth another year's contract."

Joe didn't allow the rejection after such long service to get him down when some might have packed in the game altogether, and he had trials at Livingston in the Scottish Championship.

"I was offered a deal there, but what they were offering didn't include accommodation! I would have had to pay quite a bit out of my own pocket, so financially I couldn't join them."

Former Darlington manager Martin Gray then heard about Joe's availability. "I got a phone call from Martin the day before Darlington played Newcastle in a pre-season friendly, and he asked me to play in that.

"It went well, and I signed for the club after that. I knew that I would have to be patient and take my chance when it came because there is strong competition for places here. The playing standard is just as good, if not better, than the Scottish Championship. There are



some very good players and some very good teams in this league, as we've seen this season.

"I played a few games as sub earlier in the season and I scored against FC United, and in the last few weeks, I've been starting regularly. Tommy has given me plenty of encouragement, and I feel as if I'm coming close to my best."

Joe was one of three Darlington players who will be going on a week's intensive coaching in June with the Jamie Vardy V9 Academy at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester.

"I'm buzzing about that, it should be a great week, and it's an opportunity for me to be noticed and to get back into the pro game. In the meantime, I'll be doing my best for Darlington, because it's a great club and a great set of fans to play for."

Joe Wheatley

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Matchday Experience

A GREAT AFTERNOON FOR THE UNDER 9S!



The Darlington Under 9s had a great time with our Match Day Experience at the Blyth home game! They met the players in the dressing room, posed for photos, had a kick about on the pitch and took penalties in front of the Tin Shed.

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10TH FEBRUARY 2018
BRADFORD PARK AVENUE 0 | DARLINGTON 1

Quakers won at the Horsfall Stadium for the second season running when a second half goal by David Syers extended our unbeaten run to five matches and put us 14th in the table.

HERE'S THE ACTION MINUTE-BY-MINUTE:

5 - Reece Styche had a goal disallowed for a foul on a defender

22 - Stephen Thompson turned on a Luke Trotman throw and fired a left foot shot over the top

36 - Styche was unlucky with a volley over the bar with his back to goal

48 - Joe Wheatley floated a free kick into the box for Styche to steer just wide

56 - 1-0! Quakers took the lead when David Syers helped the ball out to the right for Stephen Thompson to pull back from the bye line for Syers to stroke past Bradford keeper Steven Drench

61 - It was nearly 2-0 when Syers headed a Terry Galbraith free kick just over the top

65 - Luke Trotman's cross from the right evaded everyone in the middle, and Josh Gillies, came in at the far post, and had a header cleared off the line

75 - Darlington keeper Aynsley Pears pulled off a great save from a Luca Havern piledriver

85 - Stephen Thompson, who had been harshly booked a few minutes before, was shown a second yellow

90 - Former Darlington player Adam Nowakowski missed a good headed chance for a late equaliser

Darlington: Pears, Trotman, O'Hanlon, Turnbull, Heaton, Galbraith, Gillies (sub Brown 84), Wheatley, Styche (sub Mills 89), Syers, Thompson

Subs not used: Scott, Bancroft, Saunders.
Bookings: Heaton, Styche, Syers. Red Card: Thompson

Bradford PA: Drench, Toulson (sub Mulhern 68), Clee, Wroe, Killock, Havern, Brooksby (sub Vidal 51), Pybus (sub Nowakowski 77), Boyes, Johnson, Spencer.

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Block C

This will be a continuation of Block C in the existing stand. Row A will be designated for wheelchair users and their carers. Rows B to D, comprising 63 seats, will primarily be for season ticket holders.

Block D – the family block

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

Harrogate Town moved into top spot on Tuesday night with an entertaining 4-3 win over Alfreton. It was a fifth straight victory for the league leaders.

They overhauled Salford City, who dropped more points by drawing 2-2 at home to Bradford PA. It could have been worse for the Ammies, who trailed 2-0 with 12 minutes to play and needed a late Anthony Dudley double to save a point.

Back-to-back 3-0 victories over North Ferriby and Darlington have seen Brackley tighten their grip on third place. Their defeat at Blyth a fortnight ago was their first loss in 15 matches.

Blyth Spartans are comfortably tucked into the play-offs after winning three games in a row. They are eight points ahead of Bradford PA, who are just outside the top seven.

Kidderminster Harriers suffered their first league defeat since September last weekend, when they went down 2-0 at home to Harrogate Town. They had previously gone 17 games unbeaten.

They're ahead of York City on goal difference. The Minstermen are going through a Jekyll and Hyde period of form, having defeated then leaders Salford a fortnight ago, only to be thumped 4-1 at Curzon Ashton a week later.

Defeat to Nuneaton last weekend, and a couple of postponed matches have seen Spennymoor slip down to seventh, a point behind York and Kidderminster, albeit with up to four games in hand on the sides above them. Moors are in FA Trophy action today.

Bradford Park Avenue's play-off bid has faltered after they won just one of their last eight games. They are four points adrift of the top seven.

Prior to last weekend's game with Gainsborough, ninth-placed Chorley had won just only once since Boxing Day. Their 1-0 win over Trinity left the Magpies four points behind the play-offs.

Stockport County missed out on a chance to close the gap on the top seven, when they lost 1-0 at home to in-form Nuneaton on Tuesday night.

Last weekend's home defeat to Leamington ended Boston's nine game unbeaten run, which had stretched back to the start of December.

Nuneaton have surged away from the relegation zone after going six games without a loss. They've also not conceded in the league in more than eight hours of football.

Four wins from five have also seen Southport move towards mid-table. Kevin Davies' side are seven points above the relegation zone.

And after dropping into the relegation zone, Curzon Ashton have picked up two wins and a draw to move just a point behind Southport.

They're above 15th-placed FC United of Manchester, who've slipped back into trouble after winning only one of their previous six matches.

Sacking Andy Morrell has failed to halt Tamworth's slide into the relegation battle. They're without a win in seven, and have taken only three points in that period, leaving them level on points with FC United.

Alfreton are a point further back after losing at Harrogate on Tuesday night, their third defeat in four matches.

Leamington are just above the relegation zone, a point behind Darlington, despite their win at Boston last week. They are four points above the bottom three.

AFC Telford are inside the drop zone, but do have three games in hand on the five sides directly above them. The Bucks have taken only six points from nine matches.

They're above second-bottom Gainsborough on goal difference. Trinity have lost three games in a row, and recently appointed former Port Vale manager Lee Sinnott as boss after Dave Frecklington was sacked.

And North Ferriby United are 26 points from safety, with only 33 points left to play for. Their relegation will be confirmed if they lose their next three matches.

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



Dan Burn was one of the stars of Wigan Athletic's shock FA Cup win over Manchester City on Monday evening.

The 6ft 7in centre-back, Wigan's captain, earned plaudits from the BBC commentators as the Latics overcame the Premier League leaders 1-0 thanks to Will Grigg's second-half goal.

Burn, who made his Darlington debut in 2009 as a 17-year-old, and his League One team-mates had their work cut out, but they stood firm to complete an incredible win and earn a quarter-final tie with Southampton.

After the game, he told BBC Sport: "Once we scored the fans really got behind us, I just knew we needed to hang on.

"It was the longest 10 minutes of my life! Not sure how it feels, it hasn't sunk in yet. It was a really tough game.

"We pride ourselves on our clean sheets," he added. "We had a couple of bad results before so we wanted to prove ourselves, so a clean sheet against the best team in England is great."

Midfielder **Curtis Edwards** is now in Sweden and he played against Arsenal earlier this month, marking quite a turnaround since his days

with Darlington.

Now with Ostersunds, Teessider Edwards started in their Europa League home tie with the Gunners, a 3-0 win for Arsenal, just over four years since his last game for Darlington, which was a 3-1 defeat against Ossett Town in the Doodson Cup.

Edwards played 16 games for Darlington in 2013-14 before being released, signing for Spennymoor Town and then Thornaby, where his dad, Paul, was manager. (Paul is now manager at Darlington RA).

However, a move to Sweden has worked well for the 24-year-old, who was released



by Middlesbrough before his spell with Darlington.

The second leg of Ostersunds' Europa League tie with Arsenal took place last Thursday evening at the Emirates.

Former Darlington player **Tim Ryan**, 43, has been appointed the caretaker manager of EvoStik League club Buxton.

This comes in the aftermath of manager Martin McIntosh's departure from the Bucks after six years at the helm. Ryan had been McIntosh's assistant and was a defender at Doncaster Rovers during their rise up the leagues

Two former Darlington players were involved in deals on transfer deadline day. **Scott Wiseman** moved from Chesterfield to Rochdale on loan, while **Nathan Thomas** went to Shrewsbury from Sheffield United.

Both of the **Purewal** brothers scored for their respective sides in games on 3rd February.

Amar scored one of West Auckland's goals in their 3-2 home win over league leaders Morpeth, while **Arjun** scored in Consett's 4-1 away win at Ashington.

They didn't face each other though when West beat Consett 5-1 last Saturday, because Amar was unavailable. **Nathan Fisher** scored a hat trick in the game, with **Arran Wearmouth** also on the scoresheet.

Paul Heckingbottom was appointed manager of Leeds United, just days after signing a new deal with his previous club Barnsley.

The Tykes did not disclose the length of the contract for Barnsley-born Heckingbottom, who recently celebrated

two years in charge of his hometown club.

The 40-year-old, who also played at Oakwell, guided the Yorkshire side to victory in the Football League Trophy final and promotion from League One during his first season at the helm, and last season guided them to midtable safety. He was linked to the Sunderland job earlier in the season following the dismissal of Simon Grayson, but the Black Cats appointed Chris Coleman instead.

He took over at Leeds following the dismissal of manager Thomas Christiansen after their 4-1 home defeat by Cardiff, and signed an 18 month deal.

He was at Darlington from 1999-2002, playing mainly at left-back, and made over 100 appearances before joining Norwich City.

After his Leeds appointment "Hecky" said: "This is something I've worked for. It's a big opportunity with a big club and I'm delighted they think I'm the right man for the job. The way they talked to me, the way they outlined their plans for the future and the way they want to go about the job are in line with my own ideas.

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



Kidderminster Harriers complete the full set of Darlington home venues today, providing the opposition in all four of Quakers' home venues.

They were the opposition for the opening game of the Vauxhall Conference campaign in 1989-90, John Borthwick and Mark Hine (2) scoring in a 3-0 win for Brian Little's side, while Kidderminster are also remembered for being the first visiting side at the Arena (pictured).

The 25,000-capacity stadium, now occupied by Mowden Park Rugby Club, opened for the 2003-04 season, Danny Williams scoring the first goal and setting up a 2-0 victory in front of 11,600 supporters.

And Harriers also won their solitary game at Heritage Park in September last season, Arthur Gnahoua scoring the only goal of the game.

They become the second club to have played at each of Darlington's grounds following Stockport County.



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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What served as mallets in the mad croquet game in Alice in Wonderland?
2. What do Americans call curtains?
3. Who plays Mrs Weasley in the Harry Potter movies?
4. In Coronation Street, which legendary rock group appeared as themselves in 2005?
5. Who played Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman on television?
6. Which state declared themselves independent of Pakistan in 1971?
7. In which English county was Greenham Common peace camp situated?
8. Apart from Man, which animal is the largest British carnivore?
9. Where did Deborah Meaden replace Rachel Elnaugh?
10. Where is Teresa May's parliamentary constituency?
11. In which county is Alton Towers theme park situated?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. Which English Football League club plays its home games at Rodney Parade?
13. Which club won the European Cup in 1961, thus ending Real Madrid's 5-year dominance?
14. Which Italian was voted European and World Footballer of the Year in 1993?
15. For which Premier League club do a Christian, a Mohamed, a Jesus and an Islam play?
16. Which club left the Football League in 1962 but returned in 2006?
17. In motor racing, where was the first British Grand Prix staged?
18. Which major race was first won by Maurice Garin in 1903?
19. In which sport is the Doggett's Coat and Badge awarded?
20. Who replaced Ricky Ponting as captain of Australia in 2011?
21. Of which Olympic sport is the following an anagram? - HOT CANDLE
22. To which county cricket team is England wicket-keeper Joss Buttler currently attached?

HOW DID YOU DO?

POINTS SCORED

24 - 20

Top striker! Excellent points total should bring another promotion

19 - 13

Genuine football brain on the ball, but inconsistent in other areas

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

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Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

In the latest of his Memory Match series, Simon Weatherill looks back to the away game at York City on 25th February 1949

The late 1940s were a boom time for professional football in England. Attendances reached record levels in the 1947/48 season, then these record figures were smashed again the following year. 1948/49 still holds the record for the biggest attendance figures ever. Over five million people watched Division 3 North games over the course of the season, at an average of 10,833 per game!

Darlington began the 48/49 season in fine style with four straight victories to take them to the top of the table. They opened with two home wins, 3-0 v Accrington Stanley and 2-0 v Hartlepoons. Then they followed that up with two away wins at Rochdale (4-3) and then the return fixture at Hartlepoons (1-0). Albert Quinn, a new signing from Sunderland, scored 5 goals in those opening 4 games. Not a bad start to his Darlington career. The good form continued and the Quakers remained towards the top of the table although by February, Hull City and Rotherham had started to pull away at the top and a gap had developed to the rest of the division. As Darlington prepared for their away game at York City on February 26th, they sat in third place in the league with 35 points from 29 games.

Rotherham were top with 42 from 28 and Hull sat second with 40 from 25. York sat just behind the Quakers, in 7th place with 30 points from 28 games (two points for a win in those days).

Darlington had beaten Crewe 4-1 at Feethams on the previous Saturday and so named an unchanged eleven to face York. The Minstermen had also won their previous game, 3-2 at Hartlepoons but were forced into one change. Right half Ron Spence had an ankle injury and was replaced by Albert Brenen.

A crowd of 10,586 (paying receipts of £720) crammed into Bootham Crescent to see the game kick off in bright sunshine. York started with a blustery wind behind them but it was Darlington, playing with short, accurate passing who looked the more dangerous and were first to threaten. Right winger Jim Turney cleverly beat two defenders and played in a dangerous cross but none of his team mates were there to meet it. Alf Patrick then headed just wide of the Darlington goal from a George Ivey cross, but the Quakers broke away and took the lead in the 12th minute. Tom Varty played in Albert Quinn down the left wing and he made his way to the by-line before pulling the ball back to Jim Turney

who scored with a clever header. A couple of minutes later Turney went close again with another good effort but this time he was just too high. Darlington kept up the pressure and on 15 minutes they increased their lead. Quinn was the provider again, this time collecting the ball from Tommy Ward before crossing to the far post where the ball was met by Ken Bower who drove it into the net.

Two minutes later York were back in the game with a goal of their own. They were awarded a free kick for handball and Brenen swung it into the goalmouth where after a brief scramble it was stabbed home by Alf Patrick. Using the strong wind to their advantage York began to exert some pressure. They had three corners in quick succession, then Dunn was forced into a superb save from Tom Hindle. Dunn was quickly called into action again when he saved at close range from Ivey, then just before half time York came close to an equaliser when Alf Patrick headed just over after a cross by Sid Storey. Half time: York City 1 Darlington 2.

The second half started with end to end football and both sides having chances. Matt Patrick made a good run for the home side, in which



he beat two men but then he was stopped by Ernie Price, who cleared his lines well. Turney and Bower then threatened for the Quakers but they were stopped by home full back John Simpson. In a breakaway, Alf Patrick shot just wide of the Darlington post then at the other end Varty hesitated when well placed in the York area and allowed Simpson to intercept.

In the 65th minute the Quakers increased their lead with a superb goal by Quinn. Ward had possession on the right and played a high cross into the goalmouth. Home centre half Tom Gale failed to clear, and the ball fell to Quinn with his back to goal. He swivelled around on his right foot and lashed the ball home with his left.

On 77 minutes Darlington scored a fourth goal after Simpson had handled in the box. Quinn firing home the penalty. Three minutes later

it was five, as Ward fired a terrific shot towards goal, that was punched away by home keeper Matt Middleton, but the ball fell to Bower who steered it back past him into the net.

York threw men forward in the closing stages and were rewarded with a consolation goal when Matt Patrick fired home in the 82nd minute to make the final score: York City 2 Darlington 5.

The win kept the Quakers in third place, and they continued to have a good season. They eventually finished in fourth place with 46 points, 4 points behind Doncaster Rovers in third, but both sides were well adrift of Hull and Rotherham. Hull eventually winning the one and only promotion spot with 65 points.

The 48/49 season proved to be the best ever season for attendances at Feethams. The record attendance for a Division 3N game at the ground was broken three times. On October 9th, 14,590 saw a 2-0 victory over Rotherham. Then on October 23rd, 15,326 saw a 1-5 defeat by Doncaster, and on March 12th the record was broken again when 17,978 saw a narrow 0-1 home defeat by eventual champions Hull City. The average home gate for the season was an amazing 10,235.

York City produced an 8 page programme priced at 2d. Mostly adverts, with very little reading material, the team line-ups are on the centre pages.

Team v York : 1 Billy Dunn 2 Roy Brown 3 Joe Davison 4 Ernie Price 5 Tom Kelly 6 Wilf Parsley 7 Jim Turney 8 Tommy Ward 9 Ken Bower 10 Albert Quinn 11 Tom Varty.

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YOUTH TEAM NOTES



Paul Thomas, the head of youth at Darlington FC, is delighted with the progress of all the teams who operate under the club's umbrella, from Under 6s all the way through to Under 18s.

The club, which is entirely self-funded through subscriptions and modest sponsorships, is looking forward to a successful end to the season, with several teams poised for honours.

"The season has been going really well so far," he said. "We're seeing a progression year in, year out on what we're trying to do. This year has probably been the best year we've had since not being an Academy. We're pleased with the way that the teams are progressing.

"Our under 18s are through to their County Cup final, and a lot of the teams in the age groups are in the quarter finals and semi finals of their cups and so we're hopeful of seeing more teams playing in finals.

"League-wise we're competing really well. A couple of the sides are top of their respective leagues and there are others who are lying in second and third places, so we're hopeful of a couple of champions!"

The league operates teams at every age group from Under 6s all the way through to Under 18s, effectively creating a pathway up to the first team.

"We've just signed a group of Under 6s for next season who we're really pleased with. They've come down to Eastbourne and been part of our open training sessions. We cater for all age groups in our open training sessions. All of our coaches are qualified and are DBS checked, and the youngsters are supervised at all times."

Paul and his band of helpers have some great plans for the youngsters.

"When I first came in, our aim was to take the youth section back, as quickly as possible, to an academy standard, and that's what we're doing now. This season, for example, we've put on strength and conditioning sessions. We've got physios who treat any lads who are injured, and next season we're bringing in a futsal coach to teach the lads futsal.

"We've got a sprint coach to do some coaching on the running track, and a nutritionist who will speak to the lads about post-match and pre-match meals. We're also going to liaise with a lady who will educate some of the foundation lads on football-related stuff.

"Everything is funded 100 per cent by players' subscriptions, via parents who pay a monthly subscription to the club. We provide everything for them through that subscription. We have a few small businesses in Darlington who sponsor the individual teams and put their names on the front of the shirts. We're always looking for financial help, and we're always keen to speak to companies or individuals who may like to sponsor us in some small way."

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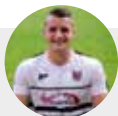
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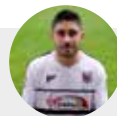
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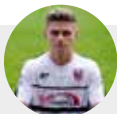
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DFCSG *notes*

>> BY CHRIS STOCKDALE

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Kidderminster Harriers.

We wish you all a safe journey back after the game. Kidderminster have been a regular opponent over the years, normally at a higher level than the National League North. I hope over time to see both clubs moving back up the football pyramid.

There are plenty of games still to play in the current season and despite our recent improved form, we still have work to do to secure our status in National League North -- however at the same time DFCSG are working with the Football Club board to plan ahead for next season. The start of March will see the launch of the Early Bird season tickets - an extremely important part of the club's revenue. We've worked hard with the club to put forward a set of fair and attractive prices to fans - I hope that you will consider a purchase within the Early Bird period, it offers excellent value over standard season ticket prices and pay on the gate prices. All the details are on the official club website or call in at Quaker Retail.

Alongside this we want to utilise the expanded capacity in the seated stand to attract more families to our matches. The recent announcement giving free admission to under 11s is a big step forward, providing better value for families to attend and alongside this, as mentioned in my last notes, we will be launching a Junior Quakers club for next season. This is open to all under 11s, and will provide personalised gifts, an exclusive prize draw, rewards for attendance and opportunities for Junior Quakers to meet the Darlo players at DFCSG events, including a Christmas party. Please go to the Junior Quaker section on the Darlington FC website for more details.

You may have noticed that we launched a survey specifically on the food and drink catering at Blackwell Meadows this week. Catering was flagged as the top issue to improve upon in our recent matchday

experience poll and this survey will help us understand better what our supporters want and will guide our discussions with DRFC to see where catering can be improved going forward into next season.

Enjoy the game today.

Away Travel

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

Our next scheduled away trips are to Tamworth on Saturday 3 March, departing at 10am and AFC Telford United on Saturday 24 March, departing at 9.45am. The fare for each trip is £20 but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

To book a seat ring Glen on 07376 368553.

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

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S

GROUND REGULATIONS



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).

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

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.



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QUAKER RETAIL *with Lynn Jasper*

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game against Kidderminster Harriers. Hopefully last week's result was just a blip and we can get back to winning ways today with a full strength squad. Come on Darlo!

New Stand

Our new stand looks fantastic and well done and thank you to those fans who contributed to the fund raising. I believe we must have some of the best fans in the country. The extra seats will allow more people including families to buy a seat for the season. Both home and away fans and families will also be able to pay on the day which will enable excellent viewing for more fans.

Ties

Last season we sold quite a lot of ties for the end of season party at the Mercure Hotel. A great night was had by all - why not buy a tie in good time this year and be ahead of the game? If you haven't seen our new design they are very smart and cost £12.00. If you want a ticket for the presentations night please contact Joanne Cameron, our hospitality manager.



Mobile Phone Cases

Our mobile phone cases are selling well. They are available to buy online or in the shop. Priced at £8 they look great and show our support for the club. We keep a small number in stock in the shop but they can be easily ordered and delivered by our supplier.

Babygrows

I haven't mentioned our youngest 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 for sale at £10. They come in three sizes, 0-3 months, 3 - 6 months and 6 - 12 months.



Footballs

Our ever popular footballs make a great birthday present or Easter gift for the kids. With the light nights not too far away why not treat your child to one of our DFC footballs? They display the Darlo crest and cost £10.00.

Worldwide Darlo

As you know our shirts go far and wide and last week one shirt went off to America and a second to South Africa for a 40th birthday present. We also had a visit this week from Drew Clarkson who lives in the USA. He always comes to buy some souvenirs to take home for the family and this visit was no exception. It's lovely to meet our fans who live in distant parts of the world. I know Drew keeps up to speed with events at the club through the website and Darlo Fans Radio on match day. Great support!

Well that's all from me today. See you all again soon.



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On This Day

In this feature, we look back at Darlington performances on the corresponding day in the club's history

February 28th 1966

Division Four

Darlington 3 Rochdale 1, attendance 8,633

Our promotion challenge was in full swing in the winter of the 1965-66 season, but we had lost some ground on the leaders because of postponed matches, and a 3-1 defeat the week before at Port Vale on a very heavy pitch.

Recent signings Don Ratcliffe and Barry Hutchinson both made their home debuts and scored in the win, which put Quakers eight points behind the leaders. Ratcliffe scored the first two from a free kick and a corner, and George McGeachie set up the third with a cross for Hutchinson to score. Rochdale claimed that their keeper was fouled for the second goal, and were so upset that they considered a protest to the Football League.

Team: Moor, Peverell, Keeble, Yeoman, Greener, Jacques, McGeachie, Hutchinson, Cummings, Sproates, Ratcliffe

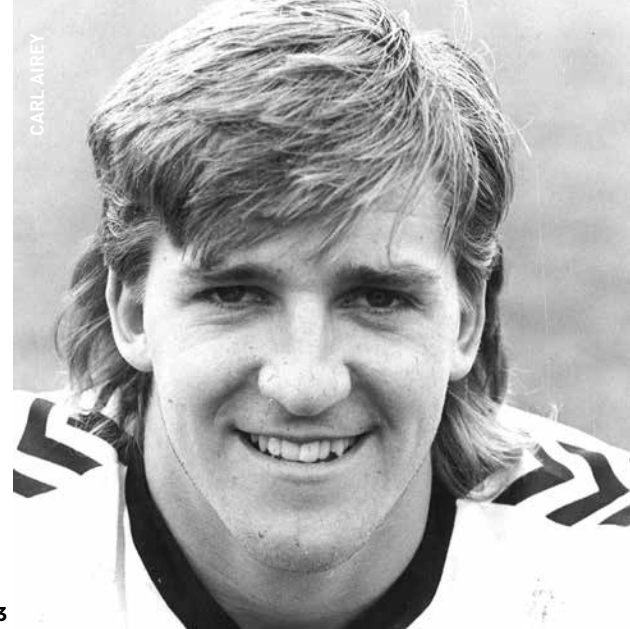
February 17th 1985

Division Four

Hartlepool 1 Darlington 2, attendance 5947

This was only Quakers' fourth league game of the calendar year, because we'd had several games postponed because of our FA Cup run and the bad weather during the month of January, which meant a fixture pile up as we pushed for promotion.

Hartlepool took the lead through Mark Taylor, but Peter Johnson equalised for us when he



CARL AIREY

got into the box and crossed towards the far post, where the ball dropped into the net.

And the large Darlington following was celebrating in the last minute when Steve Tupling put the ball into the box for Carl Airey to touch home.

Team: Barber, Aldred, Johnson, Angus, Yates, Lloyd, Cook, Tupling, Airey, Todd, MacDonald

February 26th 1991

Division Four

Carlisle United 0 Darlington 2, attendance 2898

Quakers were going well at the top of the Fourth Division, and had enjoyed a great February, although in the game before the visit to Brunton Park, keeper Mark Prudhoe had single-handedly earned us a point at Hartlepool, with one of the best ever performances by a Darlo keeper.

John Borthwick put us in front with a header on 29 minutes, and Phil Linacre slotted in the second on 73 minutes.

The points were enough to give us 13 out of 15 in the month and earn manager Brian Little the manager of the month award.

Team: Prudhoe, McJannet, Gray, Willis, Smith, Trotter, Mardenborough, Toman, Borthwick, Linacre, Tait.

Thanks to club historian Frank Tweddle for his help in putting this series together.

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Meet the Darlington FC Supporters group board

This week - *Malcolm Cundick*



In the latest of our series, find out more about board member Malcolm Cundick.

How long have you supported Darlington?

I adopted Darlington as my team when I moved here in 1979, but with a young family my first visit to Feethams was not until 4th April 1983. Sat in the West Stand, I leapt to my feet when Quakers scored the opener only to realise that I was surrounded by Hartlepool United supporters! We won 2-1- but I escaped unscathed!

Who have been your favourite players over the years?

I was a centre half in my playing days and we have had a number of characters playing that role over the years - some cultured and others not so. I also enjoyed the skills of the number of tricky ball players that graced our team sheets such as Neil Wainwright and Micky Cummins, but my real heroes are the number of excellent keepers we have had with Sam Russell and Andy Collett at the top of the list and many other young keepers who have moved on to Premiership status. Other memorable players for me have been Matty Appleby, Mark Barnard, Jason de Vos, Sean Gegan, Steve Gaughan, Liam Hatch, Mike Ingham, Adam Reed, Steve Mardenborough, Curtis Main and of course Marco Gabbiadini!!

What have been your most memorable moments as a Darlo fan?

My most satisfying moments have been each of the promotion achieving matches over recent seasons particularly that special night at Whitby Town, closely followed by the FA Trophy success at Wembley.

What are your favourite away grounds?

My favourite away ground would be Ashton Gate where I was taken to see my first League football match as an eleventh birthday treat, Bristol City being my forever heroes. When will Darlo ever meet them again I wonder? I live in hope.

Which moments would you most like to forget?

The game I would wish most to forget is the 1996 Division 3 Play Off Final when arguments between Darlo and Plymouth over kit choice resulted in outfits that were so similar as to be indistinguishable, particularly from the dizzy heights of the old Wembley Stadium. We also lost 0-1.

What do you miss most about the Football League days?

I still miss the intimate atmosphere of Feethams, and only hope that we can make appropriate investments in Blackwell Meadows or a future home that can replicate that relationship between supporters and team.

Why did you join the DFCSG?

I volunteered my services as a Chartered Architect to the Club Directors in December 2012 to aid their mission to bring the Quakers home to Darlington. It has been a significant challenge as the Blackwell Meadows Project Manager, overcoming a series of substantial hurdles and compromise solutions. I offered to join the DFCSG Board as a vehicle for a closer working relationship with the respective boards in future developments, and am currently co-ordinating construction of Phase 2 of the Seated Stand and plans for enhancement of facilities to match potential further promotion requirements and match day experience for spectators.

Where do you see the club in 5/10 years' time?

I believe that it is vital that we establish a firm foundation, initially based on our current fan-owned status, to enable us to invest and grow back into our full League status which is feasible within the next 5-10 years under strong team leadership.



Thanks to our mascots

We'd like to thank our mascots, Lucas Adams (left) and Jack Cameron for doing the honours at the Blyth game -- they certainly brought us good luck! Here they are with Gary Brown



QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Flamingoes 2. Drapes 3. Julie Walters 4. Status Quo 5. Jane Seymour 6. Bangladesh 7. Berkshire 8. The badger 9. On Dragon's Den 10. Maidenhead 11. Staffordshire

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. Newport County 13. Benfica 14. Roberto Baggio 15. Newcastle Utd - Christian Atsu/Mohamed Diame/Jesus Gamez/Islam Slimani (on loan) 16. Accrington Stanley 17. Brooklands 18. Tour de France 19. Rowing 20. Michael Clarke 21. Decathlon 22. Lancashire



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Season's Stats

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH 2017-18

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Harrogate Town	31	20	5	6	75	39	65	+36
2	Salford City	31	20	5	6	54	32	65	+22
3	Brackley	30	16	10	4	54	27	58	+27
4	Blyth Spartans	31	17	1	13	67	49	52	+18
5	Kidderminster	29	13	10	6	51	32	49	+19
6	York City	31	14	7	10	57	48	49	+9
7	Spennymoor Town	27	14	6	7	52	41	48	+11
8	Bradford PA	31	12	8	11	50	39	44	+11
9	Chorley	30	11	11	8	33	27	44	+6
10	Stockport County	30	12	7	11	53	44	43	+9
11	Boston United	29	11	6	12	48	49	39	-1
12	Nuneaton Town	30	11	6	13	37	44	39	-7
13	Southport	30	10	8	12	43	54	38	-11
14	Curzon Ashton	30	9	10	11	41	47	37	-6
15	FC United	31	10	7	14	45	55	37	-10
16	Tamworth	31	10	7	14	44	55	37	-11
17	Alfreton Town	31	11	3	17	52	54	36	-2
18	Darlington	31	9	9	13	41	48	36	-7
19	Leamington	31	9	8	14	42	50	35	-8
20	AFC Telford United	28	9	4	15	38	51	31	-13
21	Gainsborough Trinity	30	9	4	17	32	58	31	-26
22	North Ferriby	31	1	7	24	14	80	9	-66

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	17	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	12	0	1	0	1	0	53	0	3	1	19	0
Gary Brown	15	1	1	0	1	0	167	4	12	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	3	1	0	0	0	72	5	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	9	1	0	0	1	0	87	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	13	6	1	1	1	0	13	6	1	1	1	0
Dominic Collins	25	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	13	0	1	0	4	0	29	1	1	0	5	0
Terry Galbraith	28	1	2	0	3	0	195	15	16	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	25	2	1	1	5	0	54	11	3	1	15	0
Mitchell Glover	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Josh Heaton	10	1	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	10	2	1	0	0	0	39	4	4	0	0	0
Greg Mills	8	3	1	0	1	0	8	3	1	0	1	0
Ben O'Hanlon	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Aynsley Pears	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Portas	11	5	1	0	0	0	89	20	8	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	5	19	0	1	1	0	5	30	0	1	3	0
Leon Scott	12	7	0	0	0	0	167	37	14	1	20	0
Reece Styche	10	0	1	0	7	2	10	0	1	0	7	2
David Syers	17	7	2	0	6	0	36	16	3	1	14	0
James Talbot	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen Thompson	24	3	1	0	7	0	218	12	15	3	75	6
Phil Turnbull	28	1	2	0	0	0	108	2	4	1	1	0
Luke Trotman	6	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	13	7	1	0	1	0	13	7	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0
own goals	0	0	0	0	2	0						

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017/18

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Sat Aug 5th	Salford	A	3.00	2-0	1777	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n 2	Scott	Saund's	Marrs	Fen'ick	Wil'ski
Wed Aug 9th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	7.45	4-3	1682	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Fen'ick	Wil'ski	Thomp'n
Sat Aug 12th	Alfreton	H	3.00	4-1	1547	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies2	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Fen'ick	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Tues Aug 15th	York City	A	7.45	0-0	3944	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Thomp'n	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat Aug 19th	AFC Telford United	H	3.00	0-1	1532	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat Aug 26th	North Ferriby	A	3.00	1-1	479	Wil'ski	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Marrs	Wheat'y	Saund's	Fen'ick	Bell
Mon Aug 28th	Spennymoor Town	H	7.45	1-1	2070	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Portas	Caton	Wheat'y	Wil'ski
Sat Sept 2nd	Southport	A	3.00	0-2	1059	Bartlett	Burgess	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Portas	Saund's	Scott	Wil'ski
Tues Sept 5th	Chorley	A	7.45	1-4	1011	Bartlett	Marrs	Burgess	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Scott	Ferg'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat Sept 9th	Leamington	H	3.00	0-0	1277	Bartlett	Portas	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Vaulks	Saund's	Thomp'n	Wil'ski
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H	7.45	3-0	1178	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Burgess	Gillies	Wheat'y	Beck	Cartm'n	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Syers	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Sat Sept 16th	South Shields, FA Cup 2Q	H	3.00	0-3	1814	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Burgess	Wheat'y	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat Sept 23rd	Boston United	A	3.00	1-1	1051	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Dawson	Thomp'n	Cartman	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Vaulks	Wil'ski	Gillies
Sat Sept 30th	Curzon Ashton	A	3.00	0-1	292	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Gillies	Dawson	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Saund's	Portas	Cartman	Wil'ski	
Sat Oct 7th	Stockport County	H	3.00	1-1	1758	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Dawson	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Vaulks	Syers
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-2	764	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Burgess	Wheat'y	Syers	Wil'ski	Dawson
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H	3.00	2-1	1312	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Burgess
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A	3.00	1-3	1554	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Burgess	Caton	Saund's	Wil'ski	Wheat'y
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town	H	3.00	0-3	1267	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Caton	Burgess	Saund's	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Syers
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	3-3	1879	Wil'ski	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Wheat'y	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Gillies	Caton	Syers	Marrs	Scott
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H	3.00	0-1	1246	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Wheat'y	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Mills	Caton	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Scott	Bancroft	Portas	Heaton
Fri Nov 24th	Harrogate Town FA Trophy 3q	H	7.45	2-3	1127	Wil'ski	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Portas	Styche2	Thomp'n	Syers	Saund's	Caton	Vaulks		
Sat Dec 23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A	3.00	1-2	773	Talbot	Mills	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Portas	Styche	Thomp'n	Caton	Heaton	Syers	Marrs	Scott	Saund's
Tues Dec 26th	Harrogate Town	H	3.00	3-1	1759	Talbot	Heaton	Scott	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche2	Thomp'n	Syers	Glover	Saund's	Mills	Marrs	Caton
Mon Jan 1st	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	0-3	1648	Talbot	Heaton	Scott	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Syers	Galb'th	Mills	Saund's	Glover	Caton
Sat Jan 6th	York City	H	3.00	1-2	2406	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Syers	Collins	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Saund's	Portas	Caton	Scott	Turnbull	Gillies
Wed Jan 10th	Salford City	H	7.45	1-2	1350	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Mills	Gillies	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Portas	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Syers
Sat Jan 13th	Alfreton	A	3.00	1-1	727	Talbot	Heaton	Galb'th	Turnbull	Portas	Brown	Mills	Gillies	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wheat'y	Marrs	Caton	Syers
Sat Jan 20th	Chorley	H	3.00	2-2	1158	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Heaton	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Gillies	Syers	Marrs	Bancroft
Sat Jan 27th	Leamington	A	3.00	3-2	845	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	O'Hanlon	Heaton	Brown	Mills	Wheat'y	Styche	Tho'n3	Scott	Syers	Turnbull	Caton	Bancroft	Gillies
Sat Feb 3rd	Blyth Spartans	H	3.00	3-0	1526	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Heaton	O'Hanlon	Caton	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Syers	Gillies	Saund's	Scott	Bancroft	Brown
Sat Feb 10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A	3.00	1-0	773	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Heaton	O'Hanlon	Gillies	Wheat'y	Styche	Thomp'n	Syers	Brown	Mills	Bancroft	Scott	Saund's
Sat Feb 17th	Brackley	A	3.0	0-3	675	Pears	Trotman	Galb'th	Turnbull	Heaton	O'Hanlon	Gillies	Wheat'y	Saund's	Mills	Syers	Glover	Scott	Bancroft	G Brown	Milburn
Sat Feb 24th	Kidderminster Harriers																				
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Sat Mar 10th	Curzon Ashton																				
Sat Mar 17th	North Ferriby																				
Sat Mar 24th	AFC Telford United																				
Sat Mar 31st	Southport																				
Mon Apr 2nd	Spennymoor Town																				
Sat Apr 7th	Boston United																				
Sat Apr 14th	FC United of Manchester																				
Sat Apr 21st	Nuneaton Town																				
Sat Apr 28th	Stockport County																				
Wed May 2nd	play off qualifying round																				
Sun May 6th	play off semi final																				
Sat May 12th	play off final																				

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> Today's Mascots:



Spencer Jones is 7 years old, and goes to Firthmoor Primary School, and his favourite player is Stephen Thompson.

George Alderson is 9 years old. He goes to Abbey Road School, and his favourite player is also Stephen Thompson.

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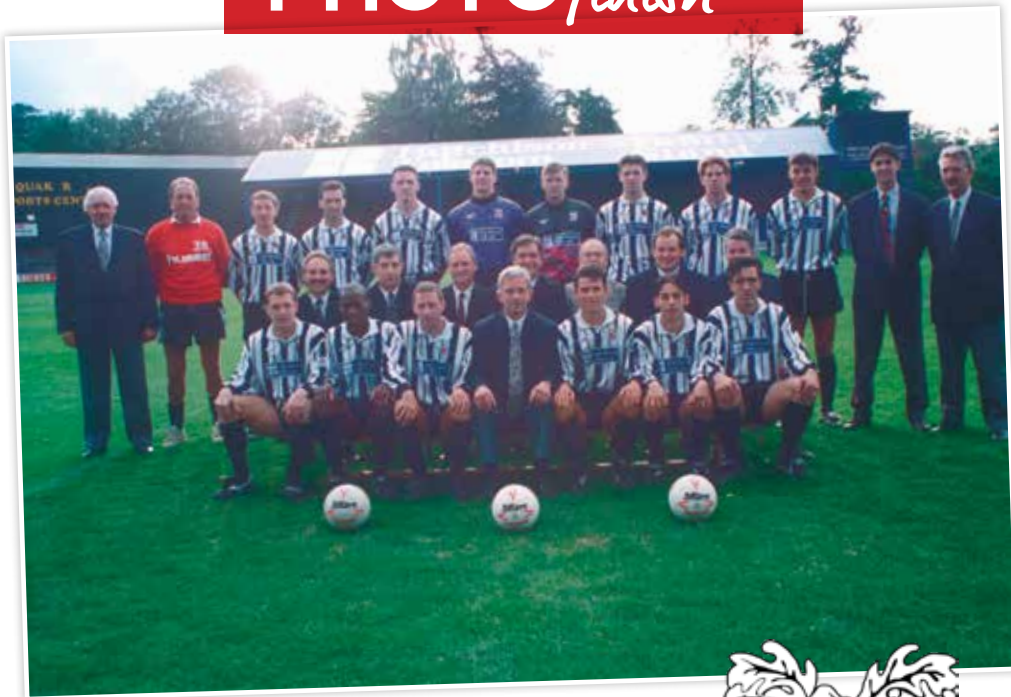
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Season 1994-95 at Feethams would see an improvement on the previous campaign – but not by much.

Having finished 21st in 93-94, when Alan Murray had become manager early in the season, 94-95 would see Quakers in 20th place in Division Three by the close of the campaign, by which point Murray had been replaced by Paul Futchner, who did not last long at all.

After ten winless games he was sacked, Eddie Kyle taking temporary charge, with David Hodgson and Jim Platt appointed the following summer.

Top scorer in 94-95 in the league was Robbie Painter with nine, closely followed by midfielder Steve Gaughan with eight, while Gavin Worboys scored 11 in all competitions.



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JONATHAN FLATT	

> Match officials:

Referee: Dean Hume
Assistant Referees: Michael Burrows and David Jones

> Next home matches:

Saturday 10th March
Curzon Ashton, kick off 3pm
Saturday 17th March
North Ferriby, kick off 3pm
The games are not all ticket, but advance tickets are available on the official website

> Next away matches:

Saturday 3rd March, kick off 3pm
Tamworth
Saturday 24th March, kick off 3pm
AFC Telford United

> Today's other matches:

AFC Telford United v FC United of Manchester, Bradford PA v North Ferriby, Leamington v Blyth Spartans, Nuneaton v Chorley, Salford City v Tamworth, Southport v Curzon Ashton, York City v Alfreton

> Mascots:

Spencer Jones and George Alderson

Congratulations to Mike Hill, who is celebrating his 60th birthday in hospitality

Congratulations to Drew Williams, who is also celebrating his birthday in hospitality



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