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FROM THE
dugout

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the game.

Our first day at Blackwell Meadows was a great experience, and like everyone else, I was delighted that our homecoming began with a win.

The atmosphere was fantastic, especially when we scored in front of the Tin Shed in the second half. The roars that greeted those goals reminded me of the times when we had some great wins when we were chasing promotion in 1999-2000, so let's hope we'll have a lot more days like those.

There's no reason now why we can't continue winning matches at home, and we have a great opportunity coming up with three home games in our next four, albeit every game is tough in this league.

Thanks so much for your support, it really was much appreciated by me and the players. Your vocal backing really does make a difference.

Thanks also for all the good wishes on mine and Jill's wedding. We arranged it two years ago, thinking that there wouldn't be any Darlington games on New Year's Day 2017, especially with the day before being a Saturday and the day after being a Bank Holiday!

I think the players were bemused at first when I told them about my wedding on the bus and that I wasn't going to Halifax, but they responded well and put in a good performance. Sean and Harry did a great job taking charge of the team. Through various means I kept up to date with progress of the game!

As for today, it will be great to meet up with Tommy Wright again. As you know, his first spell with Darlington was when I was assistant manager to Dave Penney, and Tommy was a great pro and great lad to work with. He took everything you told him on board, and he was a good goalscorer. He certainly wasn't scared to put himself about, and they are the qualities which he appears to have instilled into his team.



They have done very well recently, and are steadily climbing the table, so they're sure to give us a very good game this afternoon.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the game

Martin



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*Kev Burgess writes for the
Quaker programme.*

CAPTAIN Kev

HELLO, EVERYONE!

It was a great honour to lead the Darlington team out in front of a packed house for the first game at Blackwell Meadows on Boxing Day.

I had my two kids with me as mascots when I walked out of the changing rooms, and I heard a huge wall of noise when we walked out on to the pitch. I couldn't believe it, and I don't think most of the lads could either.

We couldn't help but respond to support like that, and I think that was a factor in our opening goal that Mark Beck scored!

We were lifted again when we were kicking towards the Tin Shed in the second half, and I'm sure the two goals were sucked in by everyone behind the goal! It was great to celebrate the goals with the fans, let's hope that there are plenty more celebrations to come. It really was a day to remember.

I thought we were unlucky not to win the return game at Halifax on New Year's Day, especially in the second half.

I was delighted to score, it was the first time I'd scored for a while, it was just a pity that we couldn't go on and win the game.

But nevertheless, we took four points from Halifax over the Christmas and New Year period, and we would have settled for that at the start of the season – remember that Halifax won the Trophy and were relegated from the National League Premier last season!

There are plenty more challenges ahead this season. We all believe that we're capable of finishing in the top five, and that there is a lot of hard work ahead.

Kev

Captain's Notes



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Coming to town...

The forerunner of the present club has origins dating back to 1889 when the Bible Class students at Vicarage Street School formed Nuneaton St. Nicholas FC originally playing only friendly games.

From 1892 Nuneaton St. Nicholas entered Charity Cup competitions. In September 1894 the 'Nicks' changed their name to Nuneaton Town Association F.C.

The club remained as Nuneaton Town from 1894 until 1937. On May 13th, 1937 at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders it was decided to wind up the football club despite Nuneaton Town being financially sound having sold their Manor Park ground to Nuneaton Corporation the previous December.

Two days later a group of local men formed the new club as Nuneaton Borough, the name the club would go by until 2008.

As Nuneaton Borough the club climbed the divisions and played in what is now the Vanarama National on several occasions. They were runners up at this level in both the 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons and were also runners up of the Vanarama National North in 2004-05.

March 2008 saw a takeover from the board that had run the club from 1991, but the new directors soon found they had inherited excessive debts despite the sale of Manor Park to property developers. The new club reverted to its former name of Nuneaton Town and were demoted two divisions from Conference North to Southern League Division One.

Following the demotion to the Southern League Midlands Division, the club gained

promotion following a 1-0 play-off final victory over Chasetown at Liberty Way.

The next season, 2009/10, Nuneaton found themselves in the Southern League Premier Division with several teams that were spending vast sums chasing promotion.

After a slow start the team went on a fantastic run that saw them beaten only once at home and included a run of 14 straight victories, narrowing a 24 point gap between the leaders Farnborough to just two points at the end of the season. Again, the play-offs beckoned and a 6-0 thrashing of big spending Brackley Town in the semi-final saw home advantage given to Nuneaton who faced Chippenham.

The final went into extra time and it was befitting that a local player, Eddie Nisevic, who had come through the ranks, got the winning goal returning Nuneaton to the Conference North.

Nuneaton's return to the Conference North for the 2010/11 season saw them start well and remain in the top six up until Christmas, where they gained top spot until the last week in March. Eventually after other clubs played their games in hand, Nuneaton finished just outside of the play-offs.

Fortune smiled on The Boro when the club above them, Eastwood Town, were prevented from taking part in the play-offs due to a technical problem. Nuneaton faced AFC Telford Utd in the Play Off Semi-Finals but went down 2-1 on aggregate.

Nuneaton Town



KELVIN LANGMEAD



GREG TEMPEST



JOE IRONSIDE

/ The Squad

Managers Tommy Wright

Goalkeepers Christian Dibble, Elliott Taylor

Defenders James Clifton, Jordan Keane, Sam Warburton, Luke Higham, Connor Anderson, Elliott Hodgett-Young, Jordan Nicholson, Alex Penny, Kelvin Langmead, Jordan Wheatley, Exodus Geohagbon

Midfielders Ian Cartwright, Daniel Demkiv, Greg Tempest, David Morgan, Tom Elliott, Kristian Scott

Forwards Shaq McDonald, David Moli, Aaron Williams, Billy Daniels, Joe Ironside

Previous seasons

2015/16 Conference North Played 42 Points 70 Position 6th

2014/15 Conference Premier Played 46 Points 36 Position 24th

2013/14 Conference Premier Played 46 Points 66 Position 13th

2012/13 Conference Premier Played 46 Points 57 Position 15th

2011/12 Conference North Played 42 Points 72 Position 5th

Recent Results

January 1st Tamworth (home) won 1-0 Nicholson
December 26th Tamworth (away) won 2-1 Ironside, Nicholson

December 17th Stalybridge (home) won 2-1 Styche, og
December 10th FA Trophy Stocksbridge (home) won 3-1 Morgan, Ironside, Clifton

December 6th FA Trophy FC United (away) won 5-1 Nicholson, Styche, Morgan, Ironside, Williams

December 3rd Alfreton (home) won 4-1 Ironside 4

November 19th FC United (away) lost 0-3

November 12th Stockport County (home) drew 1-1 Williams



Coming to town...

Nuneaton Town

The 2011/12 season was to see Nuneaton gain promotion back to the Conference Premier for the first time in 10 years.

After maintaining a high league position throughout the season Boro were dealt a blow as the season entered its final few weeks when an administration error led to a 6 point deduction. This seemed to spur the team on and a final day 3-2 victory at Blyth Spartans ensured their play-off place.

A superb semi-final 2nd leg victory over Guiseley, with a goal from Andy Brown in the last minute of extra time, meant that Boro had to travel to Gainsborough Trinity for the Play-Off Final. Again Brown (ironically the player concerned in the admin mishap) was the goal hero in a game that saw Boro claim a 1-0 victory. The 2012/13 season saw Boro pitting their wits against the country's non-league elite.

Up against many full time clubs it took a while to get to grips with their new environment but Boro's team spirit and work ethic never wavered. Despite spending much of the season in and around the relegation zone a terrific run towards the end of the season saw Boro eventually finish in 15th place.

The 2013/14 season surpassed all expectations with Boro leading the table early on and featuring in and around the play-off positions for most of the season. After manager Kevin Wilkin left for Wrexham, results tailed off in the last month or so of the season but they still finished in 13th position.

Season 2014/15 marked the club's 125th anniversary. However, Boro made a poor start and this resulted in Brian Reid being replaced as manager by Liam Daish. Despite the managerial change Boro were in the relegation zone for most of the season and

finally finished bottom of the Conference Premier table. Liam Daish parted company with the club at the end of the season and was replaced by Kevin Wilson shortly afterwards.

The 2015/16 season saw the club challenging for a place in the play offs for much of the campaign as they looked for an immediate return to the top-flight, however, they finished in sixth place, just a point away from the play-off places.

Following a stuttering start to 2016/17, the club parted company with manager Kevin Wilson, and replaced him with Tommy Wright, who oversaw an immediate upturn in fortunes. They recorded a double over Tamworth over the holiday season, giving them six successive wins.

TOMMY WRIGHT

Nuneaton are managed by former Quaker favourite Tommy Wright. His football career started for his home town club Leicester City, with whom he made his debut while they were in the Premier League in 2002. After relegation he stayed with the Foxes before having successful spells at Brentford and Blackpool.

Wright moved to Barnsley in 2006 before joining Darlo in 2007. He was Quakers' top scorer with thirteen league goals in the 2007-08 season as we reached the playoffs under Dave Penney before losing to Rochdale on penalties in the semi-final. His first spell with Darlington came to an end as Scottish Premier League side Aberdeen signed him for £100,000. While at Aberdeen the side secured a Europa League place, but Wright's spell was dominated by injury.

From Scotland he went to Grimsby, but in his first season with the club they were relegated to the Conference. He re-joined Quakers in



TOMMY WRIGHT

June 2010 and was part of the side that won the FA Trophy at Wembley in 2011.

Despite this he was released early the following season, joining Kidderminster Harriers, before going onto have spells with Luton, Forest Green, Tamworth, Harrogate Town and Corby Town.

During his playing career with ourselves he was known as a no nonsense forward that got stuck in, which made him popular with our supporters.

While at Corby Town he was named joint manager of the club despite being only 28 years old. In his first season in sole charge of the club he won the Southern League for the club, but after a poor start to this season he parted company with the club.

However, he joined Nuneaton in October as a player coach less than a week after leaving Corby. Less than a month after joining the

club Wright was appointed manager. After losing his opening game in charge, Nuneaton went onto win all three league games they played in December.

EXODUS GEOHAGHON

Another former Quaker in Nuneaton's ranks is the man simply known as Big Ex. He made five appearances for us during the turbulent 2011/12 season. Following Mark Cooper being sacked as manager he went out on loan to Dagenham and Redbridge. Geohaghon has played the majority of his career in non-league football, also had a spell with Peterborough United in 2010. He also made two appearances for the England C team while at Kettering Town.

Geohaghon re-joined Nuneaton for his second spell at the club as a player coach in November.



WELCOME BACK *Tommy*

Tommy Wright was a Darlo hero – but now he faces Quakers as the Nuneaton manager. He spoke to Ray Simpson

Tommy Wright admits that his old boss Martin Gray put his career back on track, and this afternoon he has the opportunity to pit his wits against him in the opposition dug out.

At the age of 32, Tommy is

one of the youngest managers at this level of the game, having been appointed boss of Nuneaton in December following the departure of previous boss Kevin Wilson. He is one of Quakers' fans' favourite players from the last

two decades. The fans loved him for his hustling, bustling, all action style, and he will always be remembered for being a part of the team that reached the play offs in 2008, and again for the FA Trophy final at Wembley in 2011.

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"I'm looking forward to coming back to Darlington, because I always looked upon it as my second home behind Leicester where I started my football career," he said.

"I spent a lot of time at Darlington in my two spells, and it was a nice way to end my time there by getting back into the team late in that season and winning an FA Trophy winner's medal at Wembley.

"I remember when I first moved to Darlington, I was all over the place at one point because so much was going on in my life. Dave Penney was the manager at the time, with Martin as assistant.

"Then one day after training, Martin dragged me into the away changing room, and gave me what you would call a reality check. He told me to stop feeling sorry for myself! I have a lot of respect for Martin, he was a big help. I would have run through a brick wall for him and Dave so it will be great to meet him again.

"My first spell at the club ended in frustration when we lost in the play offs against Rochdale. I scored 17 goals that season, but I was injured in the first game against Rochdale and I was on crutches for the second leg in the stand. It was suggested to me that maybe I should have an injection in order to play, but I could hardly walk let alone run! There were nine of us injured in the back of the stand, including Pawel Abbott. We had a great understanding together – I used to do his running for him! If he had stayed fit, then I'm sure we would have won promotion that season. It was sickening to lose in the play offs that season, if you remember Micky Cummins, a midfielder, had to play up front



with Guy Ndumbu-Nsungu.

"After I scored all those goals, there were a few clubs after me at the end of that season, including Aberdeen and Rochdale.

"I wasn't really bothered about moving, because I'd just bought a house and was quite settled. I'd also made some very good friends in the Darlington area, and I really loved it.

"But Dave Penney said that the club wasn't in a good place financially (this was the summer of 2008 when George Houghton was chairman), and even though we were both reluctant that I should go, I was sold to Aberdeen where Jimmy Calderwood was the manager. Dave was probably under pressure from the powers-that-be to sell me and bring some money in.

"It was soon after that though, things spiralled out of control at Darlington, and the club went into administration. So maybe Dave did me a favour in a way by selling me to Aberdeen!"

Tommy had a great rapport with the fans, and there was plenty of mutual respect during his three seasons.

"It will be great to meet the fans again. I can always remember when I came back

with Grimsby to the Arena when Darlington were bottom of the Football League, and the Darlo fans chanted my name for most of the game.

"Simon Davey talked about signing me the following summer, but then he quit, and then I had a call from his assistant Ryan Kidd to say that he was taking over and still wanted me to sign. Then I got another call from Raj Singh saying that Ryan had packed in just a day after he spoke to me, but Raj still wanted me to come, so I signed.

"Mark Cooper came in as manager, but I don't think he really took to me, and I was more out of the side than in it.

"We didn't do all that well in the league, and some of the players thought that the Trophy run kept Mark Cooper in a job.

"I came on as sub in the first Trophy semi final against Gateshead when we came from behind to win 3-2, but I wasn't even in the squad for the second leg at the International Stadium. I felt as if I was frozen out, there were a couple more players like me who stayed at home that day. I was well out of the picture, and was training with the youth team. I kept working hard by myself, and trying to convince myself that

something was going to happen. I knew that I had to remain professional and not let the situation get to me.

"Then I was recalled to the team for a couple of games because of injuries. One of the centre halves was injured, so Liam Hatch had to move from the forward line into defence. I scored against York City at home, and then against Rushden at home in the final league game. That was enough to keep me in the team for Wembley."

The rest is history, and as every Darlo fan knows, it was Tommy's header at Wembley that looped up in the air, and bounced tantalisingly off the crossbar for Chris Senior to head in. The Darlo fans went ballistic – and so did the players.

"I could have had a hat trick in the final, it was my boyhood dream to score at Wembley. I thought I was going to score with the diving header near the end, I really thought it was going in. I was really high in the air, level with the ball, but it went wide! It was almost the last touch of the ninety minutes, it would have been brilliant to score the winner then.

"I left that honour to Chris Senior. I did the hard work for him, heading the ball against the bar! I've watched the video on You Tube a lot, because it was the only time I've played at Wembley, and I was lucky enough to finish on the winning side. I've still got my medal and loads of photos.

"I thought I'd done enough to earn a new contract and stick around, but later in the summer Mark Cooper released me. At

least he didn't release me on the day of the parade with the Trophy. I felt really sorry for Chris Senior that day.

"But I think Cooper had already made his mind up about me before the final."

Tommy played for a couple of clubs before becoming player-manager of Corby three seasons ago, on the recommendation of a friend of the chairman.

"I thought we did well at Corby. I put together a good team in my first season and we won promotion from the Southern League into the National League North, but maybe we got promotion too soon, because the club wasn't equipped for it. My budget was cut, and I knew at Christmas when we were in a relegation battle that we were doomed.

"We were relegated to the Northern Premier League, but again it was difficult to build a promotion winning team, and in the end, I left.

"I'm disappointed that it happened, but I feel that I'm a better manager now for the experience, and I learned a lot.

"The offer to take over as Nuneaton manager came out of the blue. Kevin Wilson asked me to become player/coach there, and it was intended to be more of a coaching role because I hadn't played for two years!

"But just a few weeks later, the club decided to make me manager, and I was happy to accept a full time job because it gives me a second crack of managing at this level, as I'd been in the National League North with Corby last season.

"We've won our last six on the



spin, including two games in the Trophy. We beat Tamworth twice over Christmas and New Year which I was delighted with because Tamworth were fifth in the table, but today's game is the start of a very tough month for us.

"After today's game, we've got Guiseley in the Trophy, then Brackley, Salford and Kidderminster in the league during the month."

Nuneaton striker Joe Ironside has been amongst the goals recently, scoring four against Alfreton, and then further goals against FC United, Stocksbridge and Tamworth. "Joe is my perfect centre forward," says Tommy. "He gets stuck in, doesn't mind getting hurt and has a good football background. He's a big old fashioned centre forward, and I love working with him." Darlo fans won't be surprised to hear that!



RICHARD COOK AND JOHN TEMPEST CUT THE CEREMONIAL RIBBON TO FORMALLY OPEN THE GROUND

FROM THE Boardroom:

RICHARD COOK

A Happy New Year to Darlington fans everywhere.

First of all, the Board and all those connected with the club wish Jill and Martin Gray whole hearted congratulations on their wedding day which took place on New Year's Day, we wish them all the best for an amazing future together. I know Martin kept in touch with the game at Halifax, so well done to Sean and Harry for holding the fort.

We would also like to welcome all the fans back to our home at Blackwell Meadows for our second game back in Darlington and we hope you enjoy the match day experience. It was a fantastic first game against Halifax from start to finish, and it was superb to see the Tin Shed bouncing when Mark Beck and Josh Gillies scored in the second half.

Thanks go to everyone who provided constructive feedback from the first game either through direct contact with the club or via the Darlo Uncovered messageboard. We can assure you that many of your comments have been taken on board and a number of meetings and

conversations have been held by the football club's board with the committee of Darlington Rugby Club and also DFCSG. We will continue to work to improve the match day experience for all of you as we settle into our new home as we all become accustomed to our new surroundings and we continue to develop our relationship with the rugby club, Darlington Borough Council and Durham Constabulary.

To this end the rugby club, without the expense of Boxing Day staffing and production costs, have revised the pricing for the food concessions and bar prices with immediate effect. The permanent food concession point will be opening between the Tin Shed and seated stand in January with additional serving areas located by the clubhouse.

One of the challenges of the first game was the requirement to segregate the ground for home and away fans. Disappointingly Halifax sold nowhere near the tickets they initially thought they would require. Prior to the next segregated game – which will probably be FC United -- the club will undertake further detailed

planning, review the ground capacity on the day and establish if any temporary facilities will be required.

Finally we want to say a thank you to everyone who worked on Boxing Day to make our first game back in Darlington a memorable one. From a club's perspective and from many of the fans whom I have spoken to, the Boxing Day game was an amazing occasion for the club and a new piece of history for Darlington Football Club. It allows us to start to create a sustainable future for the club back in Darlington. To be very clear the club would not have survived remaining outside of the town playing at this level of football for much more than another season. Our move to Blackwell Meadows now gives us the chance to develop the club so we can achieve our goal of returning to the Football League. All we ask is to please continue supporting our club both on and off the pitch.

Welcome today to the directors, player and supporters of Nuneaton Town to Darlington, we hope you enjoy your day and another three points to Darlo.



HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



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

AFC Fylde maintained their six point lead at the top of the division with an impressive 3-1 win at Chorley. The Coasters had to come from behind after Adam Blakeman put Chorley in front just after half time. Goals from Dom Collins and Dan Bradley swung the game in Fylde's favour, before Andy Bond sealed the game in the 18th minute of stoppage time. So much added on time was needed after the game was stopped for quarter of an hour when Chorley's Marcus Carver sustained a serious facial injury.

Kidderminster Harriers remain in second after keeping up their impressive form with a 2-1 home win over Worcester. Kiddy had to come from behind however, after Junior English's first half strike had put Worcester ahead. James McQuilkin levelled on the hour mark, before Samuel Oji put through his own net to make it six games unbeaten for Kidderminster.

Two James Poole strikes helped Salford move into the play-off places with a 2-0 win at relegation-threatened Bradford Park Avenue. The goals, one in each half, mean Salford are now eight league games unbeaten, and sit just a point behind Darlington. It also meant it was back-to-back defeats against the Ammies for Bradford PA, who are third-bottom, two points from safety.

The side Salford replaced in the play-off spots was Tamworth, who lost 1-0 at today's opponents Nuneaton Town. Jordan Nicholson scored the only goal of the game six minutes before half time to make it four straight wins for Nuneaton, who moved up to 14th. Tamworth meanwhile have slipped to sixth, a point behind Salford.

In the battle to avoid relegation, Altrincham recovered from conceding inside the opening minute at FC United, to earn a point and end

a run of eight straight defeats. Jason Gilchrist had given FC United a very early lead, but Andy Owens equalised on 20 minutes to give Alty only their 8th point of the season. They remain rooted to the foot of the table, 13 points adrift of safety.

Gainsborough Trinity remain only two points above the relegation zone after losing 2-1 at home to Boston United. James Reid's 20th minute penalty did give Trinity the lead, but Jay Rollins levelled things up just three minutes later. And in the last minute of the game, Josh Robinson popped up to give the Pilgrims all three points. Boston are solidly in mid-table after going unbeaten for a fifth game in a row. Gainsborough meanwhile have taken only two points from their last seven matches.

And AFC Telford came off worst in an entertaining five goal encounter at Alfreton, to remain in relegation trouble. Mark Shelton's strike and Craig Westcarr's penalty had Alfreton 2-0 ahead after 34 minutes. Josh Wilson cut the gap with a penalty two minutes later, but Paul Marshall quickly restored the home side's two goal advantage. John Paul Kissock brought the Bucks within range with a minute to play, but Telford couldn't find an equaliser and are only four points above the drop zone.

And mid-table Stockport County drew 1-1 at home to Harrogate Town, with Ben Hinchcliffe's late own goal rescuing a point for the visitors. Michael Clarke had put County in front in the second half.

There was frustration for some of the division's sides, as Gloucester against Brackley and Curzon Ashton versus Stalybridge Celtic were both called off.



LIAM MARRS

Darlington full back Liam Marrs says he is 100 per cent certain that Quakers will figure in the end of season play offs.



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LIAM MARRS

Liam knows all about this league, having been at Boston for the last two seasons and appearing in the play offs twice, and he believes that Quakers have what it takes to stay in the top five.

"If you had said to me when I signed for the club back in the summer that we would be fourth in the table at the turn of the year then I would have snapped your hand off," he said. "In the season so far, no opposing team has really dominated us and played us off the park, and in the games that we've lost, we've had the chances to get at least a point from them.

"This is a very tough league, and it's definitely tougher than the last two seasons I had with Boston. There are six former Football League clubs in it – Kidderminster and Halifax have both come into it as well as Darlington this season.

"Over the last two seasons when I was at Boston, I could see from midway through the season who was going to be in the play offs, but I reckon this time round that at least eight or nine clubs will be figuring.

"It shows how far we have come this season to be up there and challenging in the play offs. We're well capable of finishing in them if we keep pushing on from here. Who would have thought at the start of the season that we would take four points out of Halifax? We took a point off Fylde, when it could easily have been three. We beat Chorley and Stockport County,

so apart from Kidderminster we've taken points off the teams around us.

"There have been some really good performances – as well as Fylde and Stockport, there was Harrogate Town away. We have proved that we're capable of playing some very good football, and we shouldn't be worried about playing anybody. And don't forget, that some of these clubs are full time."

Quakers come into today's game against Nuneaton in fourth place in the table, and a chance to keep the pressure on the teams around them.

"We have three home games coming up out of the next four, and although no games are easy in this league, it would be

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great to win them all and put a good run together.

I'm 100 per cent convinced that we will stay in play off contention. We've been in the play off positions all season, even been top of the table once, and I'll be very surprised if we don't finish in them. The manager will keep pushing us on and demanding more."

Liam has been Mr Consistent at right back this season, having started all but one of 23 league games. "I'm happy with the way I'm playing at the moment, I think I've been quite consistent. Plus, I don't have

to travel so far either. On New Year's Day last year, I set off at 4 in the morning in order to play for Boston at Lowestoft and didn't get home until midnight, so travelling down to Halifax this year was nothing in comparison. I'm happy though that Lowestoft aren't in this league any more, even though you get used to those sort of trips!"

Liam admits that he was very surprised when manager MG revealed to the players on the bus as they waited to go to Halifax that he would be missing the game because of his wedding.

"Martin got on the bus, and at first I thought that he was looking smarter than normal.

I couldn't see Brian Atkinson, which was unusual because he always travels on the bus.

"At first, when he told us that he was missing the game because he was getting married at the same time, I thought he was pulling our legs, but he was serious about it. So he went through everything that he expected from us, and spoke to a few of the other lads off the bus. It was just like a team talk in the dressing room.

"When we got to Halifax, Sean (Gregar) told us that we couldn't use Martin's absence as an excuse for a bad performance.

"I thought we did well, and were unlucky not to win the game. I'm pleased that we got a good result for him."

Memory Match

This week, Simon Weatherill remembers the 2-2 home draw with Orient in the third round of the FA Cup on January 8th 1977

The 1976/77 season was only the sixth time since the war that Darlington had managed to reach the third round of the FA Cup. The cup run had started with an away tie at non league Scarborough. The game ended 0-0 and the Quakers comfortably won the replay 4-1 at Feethams with an Eddie Rowles hat trick and a goal from new signing Jimmy Seal. That earned them a second round tie at home to Sheffield Wednesday, who were beaten 1-0 in front of a crowd of 7474 with a Ron Ferguson wonder goal, a 35 yard screamer against his former club, past Chris Turner in the Wednesday goal. The third round draw gave the Quakers another home tie, this time against second division Orient.

Hopes were high that Darlington could provide a shock and progress into the fourth round for only the second time since the war. They were having a solid season under Peter Madden and had been as high as eighth in the Division 4 table with 22 points from their 20 games so far. Two postponed games had seen them drop down the table slightly but they had only been beaten once in their last 20 home games so confidence was running high, but Orient were sure to provide a tough test. They sat at the wrong end of Division 2 but had a side packed with experienced players, supplemented by

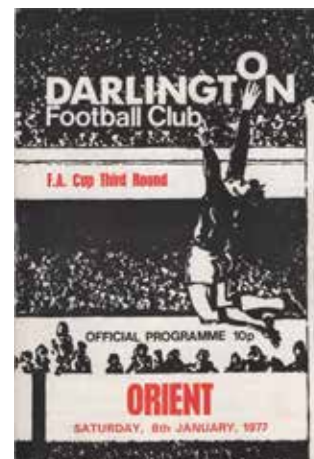
some exciting youngsters. John Jackson, Alan Whittle and Derek Possee had a combined career of nearly forty years with over 1000 appearances between them. Added to that experience were young players like Tony Grealish, Glenn Roeder and Laurie Cunningham. Grealish would go on to play for Brighton, WBA and Man City amongst others as well as earning 45 caps for Ireland. Roeder later starred for QPR and Newcastle, and Cunningham moved on to WBA before famously signing for Real Madrid and earning 6 England caps.

The Quakers had mixed injury news in the build up to the game. Keeper Alan Ogley and midfielder Barry Lyons would return to the side to face Orient. Ogley had missed three games after suffering from pleurisy, brought on by an injury in the Sheffield Wednesday tie, while Lyons had been out for five weeks with an injured thigh. John Stone would be missing from the team though after injuring his thigh in training during the week.

The first two fixtures of the New Year – away to Halifax on New Year's Day and home to Scunthorpe on January 3rd had both been cancelled due to frozen pitches. A thaw during the following week meant that the Orient game would definitely go ahead, although conditions

would be difficult on the slippery surface. A crowd of 8161, paying record receipts of £4337.09, crammed into Feethams for the game. They saw the visitors make a strong start and take the lead after only six minutes. A quick free kick by keeper John Jackson found Laurie Cunningham. He made progress down the right wing before slipping the ball inside to Derek Possee, who fired home past the helpless Alan Ogley from just inside the box.

Darlington hit back and dominated the rest of the first half but couldn't find a way through. Clive Nattress and Barry Lyons combined to create an opening for Jimmy Seal but he headed weakly straight at Jackson. Nattress down the right, and Dennis Wann down the left were causing Orient all sorts of problems with their strong running, but without much of an end product to trouble the visiting keeper. In fact, Orient could have extended their lead with a slick counter attack by Cunningham who found Possee again but this time Ogley was quickly off his line to smother the shot and the ball was scrambled clear. The Quakers regained control and Ferguson forced Jackson into a save from a header. A three man move involving Ferguson, Lyons and Wann ended with Wann's shot comfortably saved by Jackson. In the next attack



Wann's brilliant run split the Orient defence but with Jackson finally beaten the ball was hooked clear at the far post by a desperate defender. Half time 0-1.

The home side finally got the goal that their attacking play deserved when Jimmy Seal grabbed an equaliser in the first minute of the second half. Lyons and Nattress combined down the right and set up Eddie Rowles with a shooting opportunity in the box. His shot was blocked by a defender but rolled invitingly to Seal who slotted home from close range at the far post.

Roared on by the crowd the home side went looking for a winner but were always in danger of being caught out by quick counter attacks by the pacy pairing of Cunningham and Possee. The fast and furious pace continued. Lyons sliced through the visitors' defence only to finish tamely, then Ferguson saw a header cleared off the line from a Wann corner. A Bobby Noble free kick was punched clear by Jackson, but



fell to Wann, whose first time shot went just wide.

In the 66th minute, completely against the run of play, Orient regained the lead. From one of their rare counter attacks they forced a corner, swung into the goalmouth by Peter Bennett. Ogley was caught out and could only palm the ball into the air towards Phil Hoadley who headed straight back past him and into the net. The Quakers stormed back into the attack and just when it seemed as if their efforts were going to be in vain, they found a second equaliser in the 88th minute. Seal fired in a low centre from the right and it somehow found its way into the net as the onrushing Ferguson challenged Jackson at the near post.

The hard fought 2-2 draw meant that a trip to London was required for a replay, which took place at Brisbane Road on the following Tuesday. The two sides finished level again, 0-0 after extra time, on an absolute quagmire of a pitch in front of 5620, which meant a second replay at a neutral venue. Orient

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won the toss to decide where that would be, so the Quakers travelled to the capital again the following Monday. The tie was played at White Hart Lane, in front of a crowd of 4342, and in an incident packed, controversial game Orient ran out 3-0 winners.

The programme for the 76/77 season cost 10p and featured a black, white and red cover with a cartoon drawing of a keeper tipping the ball over the bar. Printed by Mawers, it consisted of 28 pages, of which 16 were adverts. The club tried to avoid a completely standard format and articles varied slightly from programme to programme. Generally, however, it consisted of a Manager's Column, two pages spotlighting our opponents, a couple of pages featuring action photos from a previous game, Encounters (describing previous games with today's opposition), Fourth Division Scene, with news of what everyone else was up to in our division, fixtures and results, half time scoreboard, and the team line-ups on the back page.

Team v Orient :

1 Alan Ogley 2 Dave Crosson
3 Jimmy Cochrane 4 Clive Nattress 5 Derek Craig 6 Bobby Noble 7 Barry Lyons 8 Eddie Rowles 9 Ron Ferguson 10 Jimmy Seal 11 Dennis Wann 12 Eric Young (not used)

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



DAVID DAVIS

Not many players whom Steve Staunton brought in during his ill-fated spell as manager in season 2009-10 made much of an impression, but one of them, **DAVID DAVIS** who came on loan at the time from Wolves, has carved out a decent career.

The midfielder played five games on loan for us, then went on loan to Walsall, Shrewsbury, Inverness and Chesterfield, before making over 50 appearances for his parent club until he joined Birmingham in 2014. He has now made over 100 appearances for Birmingham, but unfortunately put through his own goal in the 3-1 home defeat by Brentford.

After two months at Ashton United in the EvoStik Premier Division, **LEE GASKELL** has signed for Stalybridge Celtic in Vanarama First Division North. Gaskell left Ashton United following their defeat by

Mickleover, a surprise considering that he headed the winner at Spennymoor just a couple of weeks previously. Ashton United joint manager Jody Banim said: "We

have been looking to improve the squad all the while. After last Saturday's disappointing performance, where we were outfought by Mickleover Sports, Will (Haining, the other joint manager) and I were gutted. This is not what we want to see from our team. We care deeply about the club and want our players to feel the same; battling their way through lacklustre performances if needs be. We believe the new faces coming in will provide the high tempo passionate performances we demand".

Gaskell, who scored the goal of the season for Quakers last year, will line up against us on Saturday 11th March at Bower Fold. Stalybridge currently have a big relegation fight on their hands.

CARL TREMARCO, who played two games on loan from Wrexham for us in 2009, scored for Inverness Caledonian Thistle in their 1-1 draw at Ross County

in the Scottish Premier League. After he returned to Wrexham, he moved to Macclesfield for three seasons, and then on to Floriana in Malta. In 2013 he joined Inverness CT in the Scottish Premier League, and won a Scottish FA Cup winner's medal in 2015.

JASON KENNEDY scored for Carlisle in their League Two game at Notts County, taking his tally to eleven for the season in league and cup for the club..... **DAN BURN** scored an own goal in Wigan's 3-2 defeat at Rotherham before Christmas **ROB RAMSHAW AND JOE TAIT** both scored in Spennymoor's 2-0 home win over Frickley on Boxing Day in the EvoStik League ... **JOHN CAMPBELL** scored for Newcastle Benfield in their 2-1 home defeat by North Shields in the EBAC Northern League **BRIAN CLOSE** has been appointed assistant manager of West Auckland **ANDY JOHNSON** scored the consolation goal for Bishop Auckland in their 3-1 derby defeat at Shildon... **DAVID STOCKDALE** returned to his previous club Fulham with Brighton and saved a penalty in their 2-1 win in the SkyBet championship ... **SCOTT HARRISON** scored a late equaliser for Hartlepool at Accrington Stanley last Monday.

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The last time

Steve Hume has been doing some research for The Quaker about "The Last Time"

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LAST TIME WE WON AWAY – 29TH OCTOBER 2016, 4-1 AT HARROGATE TOWN

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LAST TIME WE LOST AWAY – 17TH DECEMBER 2016, 1-2 AT KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AT HOME – 24TH AUGUST 2016, 2-0 V CHORLEY

LAST TIME WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AWAY – 9TH APRIL 2016, 2-0 AT GRANTHAM TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED 5 OR MORE IN A HOME GAME – 22ND OCTOBER 2016, 5-1 V WORCESTER CITY

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LAST TIME WE SCORED 3 TIMES IN A HOME GAME – 26TH DECEMBER 2016, 3-2 V FC HALIFAX TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED TWICE IN A HOME GAME – 3RD DECEMBER 2016, 2-2 V SALFORD CITY

LAST TIME WE SCORED ONCE IN A HOME GAME – 12TH NOVEMBER 2016, 1-1 V AFC FYLDE

LAST TIME WE FAILED TO SCORE AT HOME – 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016, 0-1 V KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE SCORED 5 OR MORE IN AN AWAY GAME – 19TH APRIL 2016, 7-1 AT WHITBY TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED 4 TIMES IN AN AWAY GAME – 29TH OCTOBER 2016, 4-1 AT HARROGATE TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED 3 TIMES IN AN AWAY GAME – 29TH AUGUST 2016, 3-2 AT FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER

LAST TIME WE SCORED TWICE IN AN AWAY GAME – 1ST JANUARY 2017, 2-2 AT FC HALIFAX TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED ONCE IN AN AWAY GAME – 17TH DECEMBER 2016, 1-2 AT KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE FAILED TO SCORE IN AN AWAY GAME – 19TH NOVEMBER 2016, 0-2 AT AFC TELFORD UNITED

LAST TIME A DARLO PLAYER SCORED A HAT TRICK IN A HOME GAME – 21ST MARCH 2015, ADAM MITCHELL V PRESCOT CABLES

LAST TIME A DARLO PLAYER SCORED A HAT TRICK IN AN AWAY GAME – 19TH APRIL 2016, GRAEME ARMSTRONG (IN 11 MINUTES!) AT WHITBY TOWN

LAST TIME AN OPPOSING PLAYER SCORED A HAT TRICK AGAINST DARLO – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2015, SCOTT SPENCER FOR HYDE UNITED

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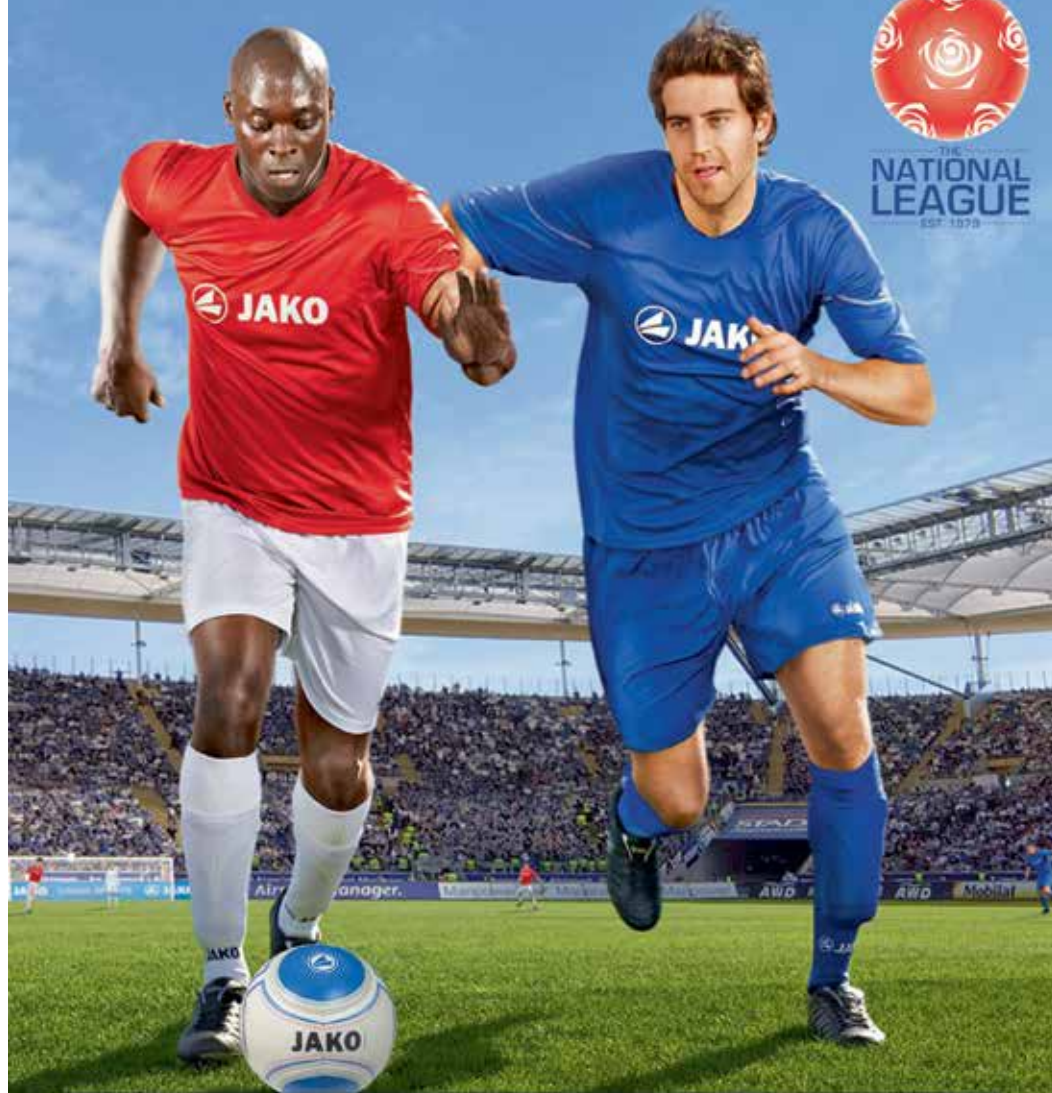
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LAST TIME A SUBSTITUTE SCORED FOR DARLO – 29TH OCTOBER 2016, DAVE SYERS AT HARROGATE TOWN

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

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

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THREE PLAYERS TAKE A TUMBLE DURING DARLINGTON'S DEFEAT TO DONCASTER ROVERS AT FEETHAMS ON 12TH APRIL, 1993.

QUAKERS LEGEND KEVAN SMITH IS BEHIND DONCASTER GOALKEEPER DEAN GREYGOOSE, WHILE LEFT OF THE PICTURE IS STRIKER IAN JURYEFF.



THE MOMENT THAT DARLINGTON FANS WAITED OVER FOUR YEARS TO SEE -- WHEN QUAKERS PLAYED AGAIN IN THE TOWN. DARLINGTON SKIPPER KEVIN BURGESS, WITH HIS CHILDREN AS MASCOTS, LEAD QUAKERS ON TO THE FIELD FOR THE MATCH AGAINST HALIFAX TOWN IN FRONT OF AN EMOTIONAL 3,000 CROWD.



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STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which English town (with an EFL club) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week?
2. If you were born on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, what is your star sign?
3. Which former world leader who governed his island republic for nearly 50 years died in 2016?
4. Also passing away last year was Robert Vaughan: what was his character's name in The Man from UNCLE?
5. After being discovered on Opportunity Knocks, which singer had a hit in 1968 with Those were the Days?
6. TV: The Green Green Grass was a spin-off from which original TV series?
7. Which Archduke, sharing his name with a Scottish rock band, was assassinated in 1914, an event which sparked off the First World War?
8. Which company advertised itself on TV with the slogan, The World's Local Bank?
9. Which term is given to a first year university student or undergraduate?
10. In Trivial Pursuit which colour denotes questions on History?
11. Who played the male lead in the 80s film Dirty Dancing?
12. In which decade was corporal punishment in schools made illegal?

ANSWERS
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HALF-TIME TEASER WHAT A SEASON!

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

Against which team did we achieve our highest League home attendance of 1767?

SECOND HALF – SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

13. Which two teams contest the only annual school cricket match to be staged at Lords?
14. Who was the only heavyweight champion to finish his boxing career with a perfect record?
15. Which former Quaker won a Premier League winners medal last season?
16. In 1950, India withdrew from the football World Cup because FIFA refused to let them do what?
17. With which sport would you associate the team London Blitz?
18. Which EFL club play their home matches at the Keepmoat Stadium?
19. Horse Racing: Name either of the two fences which are only jumped once in the Grand National.
20. In which country was recently-retired cyclist Bradley Wiggins born?
21. Which famous jockey was nicknamed The Long Fellow?
22. And which Scottish golfer was frequently referred to as Mrs Doubtfire?
23. In which Russian city on the Black Sea were the 2014 Winter Olympic Games held?
24. Athletics: Which throwing event does not feature in the Decathlon?

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

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

**BOXING DAY,
DECEMBER 26TH 2016**

DARLINGTON 3 HALIFAX TOWN 2

It couldn't have been a better homecoming! Quakers are back in town.

After all the uncertainty, doubts, build up, media exposure and anticipation, it all came together nicely on Boxing Day.

Yes, there were teething problems and the constructive comments have been taken on board, but overall it was a day to remember for all the right reasons.

And best of all, the Tin Shed was packed to the rafters and cemented its place in folklore again. All the players commented on the fantastic atmosphere, especially when they walked out on to the field at the start of the game, and when Mark Beck and Josh Gillies scored in front of the Tin Shed in the second half.

We got the start we wanted after 7 minutes. Phil Turnbull made a good run around the back of the Halifax defence on the left to the bye line and with the outside of his right foot pulled the ball for Mark Beck to turn in at the far post. Becky therefore claimed a unique double that nobody will ever surpass – the last player to score at Heritage Park, and the first to score at Blackwell Meadows.

Halifax nearly equalised with a 35 yard free kick by Matty Kosylo that Darlington keeper Peter Jameson saved at full stretch but they equalised from a corner on 38 minutes that was played short to Adam Morgan, who celebrated his move from Curzon Ashton with a right foot shot into the top corner that Jameson couldn't keep out.

With the breeze at our backs, we started the second half well and went 2-1 up after 51 minutes. Nathan Cartman, even though he was fouled from behind, laid the ball off well for Terry Galbraith to run forward and play the ball inside for Beck to latch on to and fire left footed past Halifax keeper Steven Drench for his 11th goal of the season. For Marco Gabbiadini, make that Mark Beck.

We scored a third on 56 minutes. Galbraith's free kick was partly cleared by the Halifax defence as far as Josh Gillies who hit a first time shot from 25 yards that flew into the net past Drench and had the Tin Shed cheering to the rafters. Just like the old days. For Alan Walsh, make that Josh Gillies.

Halifax weren't to be ruled out, and Richard Peniket found space on the far side of the box and struck a powerful right foot shot that Jameson pushed round the post.

Quakers nearly got a fourth when Beck squared the ball for Gillies, who put the ball on his right foot and curled just over.

But Halifax pulled one back right at the end, when Morgan chipped the ball towards goal from the edge of the box, and the backpedalling Jameson unfortunately carried the ball over his own line.

But that goal didn't detract from what was a perfect day

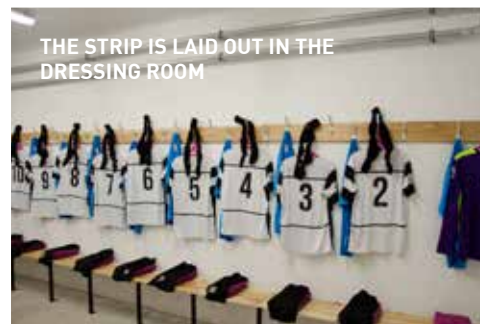
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**BOXING DAY,
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Darlington:

Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Thompson (sub Falkingham 70), Scott, Beck, Cartman (sub Hardy 82), Gillies (sub Syers 88)

Subs: Hunter, Bell

Booking: Cartman

Halifax: Drench, Roberts, Wilde, Lynch, Hotte, Hone, Kosylo (sub McDonald 56), Moyo, Denton, Morgan, Peniket (sub Simmons 80)

Subs: King, Barrows, Brown,

Goals: Beck (7 mins, 1-0), Morgan (38 mins, 1-1), Beck (51 mins, 2-1), Gillies (56 mins, 3-1), Morgan (90 +3 mins, 3-2)

Attendance 3,000

THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

1 - Number of games played at Blackwell Meadows

4 - Quakers position in the table after this game

8 - the number of goals that Josh Gillies has scored this season

11 -- the number of goals that Mark Beck has scored this season

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BY ANTH
MCMASTER

Good Afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows.

Overall, I think our first game here against Halifax Town was a great success and we now have something to build on and continue to improve. For me it felt like a proper match day. Lots of guests and hospitality, a full house, great atmosphere and a good win. Hopefully, we can continue with the buzz of the matchday experience and keep attendances high to back the club. The work that has gone in to finalise the move, to organising and running the first match has been phenomenal. They don't shout about it but Richard Cook and John Tempest are doing a fantastic job for this Football Club.

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Today's match sponsors are Sherwoods.

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Today's Match Ball Sponsors are The Cook Family. Our Director Richard Cook and his family are celebrating his son Alexander's 13th Birthday so we wish him a Happy Birthday and a great day with us.

HOSPITALITY

There are only a couple of games left to be sponsored this season so please enquire now. Match day hospitality is an opportunity for the club to generate revenue so if you or your business fancy a change or some hospitality for a game, get in touch.

SCREENTECH

Special thanks to David Robinson and his team at Screentech who are doing a great job with all of the signage and advertising boards. We fought to use Screentech as they have been a great supporter of the club and continue to be. Screentech are a printing, graphics, embroidery and sign producer based in Darlington, and can provide a service to an individual or business. Check them out at www.screentech-ne.co.uk

On the subject of Advertising boards, there are still boards to go up when businesses have finalised their artwork so it will be an ongoing process. We also will be giving them a push now we are into a new year, and we have now moved in to Blackwell Meadows.

KIT SPONSORS

This week I sent out a letter to each of our kit sponsors signed either by their sponsored player or our manager Martin Gray, to wish them a Happy New Year and thank them for their ongoing sponsorship and support.

Something that I will look at going forward is how we can add more value and make each of our opportunities special to an individual or business. Enjoy the game today and all the best to the lads.

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QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

*Today we welcome Nuneaton to our second home game at Blackwell Meadows.
Let's hope we can put another three points on the board today. Come on Darlo!*

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW START

On behalf of everyone at Quaker Retail we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope 2017 brings you all good health, happiness and a place in the play offs or even better! Well done to the players and management team for putting the team in a great position at the start of 2017, challenging for promotion.

We also send our congratulations to Martin and his wife Jill. We hope you have a very happy life together.

BLACKWELL MEADOWS

It was great to see so many people at Blackwell Meadows for the game against Halifax Town and what a wonderful winning start in our new ground, I hope we can continue to win and the crowds keep coming.

QUAKER RETAIL

Our shop isn't going to be at the match again today but I hope that we will be back soon to offer you our merchandise. It's early days at Blackwell Meadows and we appreciate it's difficult at the moment to find a spot for us which is accessible to as many people as possible. We are open as always 10 - 1 every weekday in the Dolphin Centre and our online shop is always open. We had a few problems with Visa payments before Christmas so I apologise if you couldn't make your order. Geonet our website team are still working on the problem and they are hoping to resolve it this week when they are back after the Christmas holidays. At the moment you can still pay by card through Paypal as a guest.

KEEPING WARM



It was a bit chilly at Blackwell Meadows on Boxing Day wasn't it? We have some lovely warm coats to help keep the chill out.

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Our other Winter warmer is our Gilet which can be worn over a jumper for casual wear or under a coat for extra warmth. Our gilets are £38.

SALE

Our January sale is here again for our junior fans. We have a limited number of last season's home and away shirts left which we would like to offer you for £10. They are ideal for sportswear or casual wear and are hard wearing. Why not get yourself a bargain?



MUGS

We have some lovely new mugs available for £8. The mugs are white and are printed with the Darlington versus Halifax ticket and would make an excellent souvenir of our first game at Blackwell Meadows. You can have your ticket number put on (or choose any number you like) and your name. If you order online please put the number and name you require in the notes section when you order.



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

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S GROUND REGULATIONS

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

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

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

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

And

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

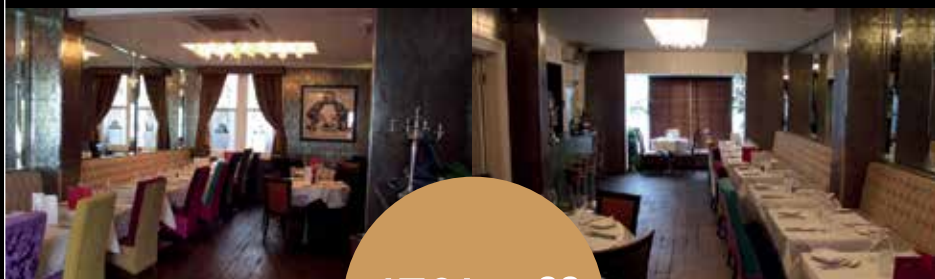
In order to protect you, the spectator, we reserve the right to search your person and/or effects and we further reserve the right to pursue legal action, civil or criminal, against any person who contravenes current legislation or our Ground/Stadium regulations.

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



A Happy New Year and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Nuneaton Town for this Vanarama National League North match.

There will be a familiar face in the Nuneaton dugout today as former striker Tommy Wright now has the reins. Tommy was a fans favourite for his all action style during his two spells at Darlington and I'm sure that he will have instilled his never say die attitude into his group of players. Despite Tommy's time with the club he'll be forgiven for not recognising the surroundings or recalling what a full ground looks like!

In stark contrast to Darlington's tenure at the Arena when the stadium was lucky to be at more than ten per cent capacity, Blackwell Meadows was bursting at the seams for the first game on Boxing Day against FC Halifax Town. The long awaited homecoming started with a 3-2 win with Mark Beck taking the honours of being the first player to score a goal at the venue meaning most of the 3,000 crowd went home happy.

I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who sold tickets at the Dolphin Centre over the Christmas period for the Halifax game and again for today's game, many who are also DFCSG board members – without their help the game could not have gone ahead. I helped out during the general sale myself and it was great to meet so many passionate fans desperate to get a ticket for the inaugural game, the hope is that they liked what they saw and they will continue to return to support the Club in future and allow us to grow. Whilst I understand it's a frustration to have to buy tickets in person it does help the Club plan for the

game and we're currently trialling an online facility which should make things easier if we have to make games all-ticket in the future.

Boxing Day was a great occasion although there was bound to be some small teething troubles – the first game being a capacity crowd and having to be segregated due to the number of Halifax Town fans certainly allowed for a good stress test and there was plenty of stress amongst the Club officials and volunteers, however they all coped admirably – a job well done. Thanks to all fans who have sent across constructive ideas of how the match day experience can be improved and we've been in dialogue with the Club officials to discuss how small changes can be made to make the experience better for all concerned. As today's game does not need to be segregated it will certainly relieve some pressure as fans will be able to spread out around the ground and have access to additional toilet facilities, you should also notice some additional measures that make the game more pleasurable (unfortunately we can't do much about the result – I'm sure the players will have that covered though). Do please continue to feedback any issues in a constructive manner and we'll continue to discuss how these can be remedied – we thank you for your patience.

Finally I'd just like to congratulate Martin Gray on his recent wedding to Jill and wish them a happy future together.

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 trip is to Stockport County on Saturday 21 January departing at 10.45am. The fare will be £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 07951 434731.

Details for coaches to home and away match can be found on our website.

Wayne Raper

Chair, Darlington FC Supporters' Group



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LOOKING Back

In our matchday programme, we feature the Looking Back series which was originally done by our club historian, Frank Tweddle, in previous years.

This is his feature in the matchday programme for the home game against Barnet on 28th December 2005, a game which Quakers won 2-1 with goals by Guy Ndumbu-Nsungu and Simon Johnson in front of a 2,905 crowd.



1995-96

TORQUAY UNITED 0
DARLINGTON 1

Division 3 Attendance 2405

Although we were scheduled to hold three home games in a week (against Doncaster Rovers on 28th December, Preston North End on 30th December and Hereford United on 1st January) over the holiday period 22 years ago, we lost all of them due to severe weather. So the only game played during the holiday period was a long trip down to South Devon to face Torquay United at Plainmoor unkindly arranged just two days before Christmas. However we were undaunted on our travels with only one defeat in ten league outings. Sean Gregan and Robbie Painter returned to the starting eleven with Phil Brumwell and Gavin Worboys stepping down while loan players Steve Guinan (Nottingham Forest) and David Lucas (Preston North End) made their second appearances for the Quakers. A single goal scored after just five minutes by Gary Bannister was enough to give us all three points and leave the luckless 'Gulls' stranded at the foot of the table with just two wins all season while we moved up to fifth.

Team: Lucas, Shaw, Barnard, Appleby, Crosby, Gregan, Himsforth, Olsson, Painter, Guinan (sub Carss 87) Bannister (sub Gaughan 68)

1985-86

BLACKPOOL 0
DARLINGTON 0

Division 3 Attendance 5595

Thirty one years ago our fixture betwixt Christmas and New Year was a trip to Blackpool just two days after drawing 2-2 with Rotherham United at Feethams on Boxing Day. Paul Ward was out injured so former Newcastle United midfielder Steve Carney came in for his first start in three months and young David Woodcock kept his place for only his second full league game. Our previous Football in the Community Officer, Kevin Stonehouse was in the 'Seasiders' side some eighteen months before he joined us as a player in the summer of 1987. The home side were riding high in third place in the table while we lay down in twentieth spot but a dogged performance by the Quakers saw the game end goalless as we made it three in a row unbeaten. This was the start of a good recovery for us, yet we were not to play a league game at home because of poor weather until March 1st.

Team: Barber, Evans, Morgan, Carney, Green, Lloyd, Roberts, Woodcock, Airey, MacDonald, McLean.

1975-76

ROCHDALE 1
DARLINGTON 0

Division 4 Attendance 3725

We travelled to manager Peter Madden's former club Rochdale the day after our vital Boxing Day win over fellow strugglers Workington at Feethams. He was forced to make three changes to the previous day's team because of injuries, with Bobby Noble, David Crosson and Paddy Lowery coming in for the crocked David Craig, Colin Blant and Norman Lees with John Peachey making his fourth start on loan from Barnsley. These changes obviously had an effect on the performance and we could not match the cohesion of the day before and we were unable to find the net. Alas Rochdale who had just one change from the previous day's defeat at Barnsley, performed better and secured a victory thanks to a solitary second half goal from Joe Murty. So we ended the year down in twentieth place having been top in August after winning our first three league games!

Team: Ogley, Crosson, Cochrane, Cattrell, Noble, Nattress, Holbrook (sub Rowles) Sinclair, Peachey, Lowery, Young



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SAM ELLIOTT

How of hands. Whose most memorable match was a pre-season friendly, a game when your team were given a bit of a lesson? Mine was. I'll never forget Wednesday July 10, 2002. It's just a shame the TV executives have.

I grew up supporting Wimbledon in their Premier League years. School was challenging, flying solo just 13 miles from the town, but I was the only one who went to see his team play on a regular basis. You could always get a ticket to see the Dons.

But that summer of 14 years ago I was faced with something no football fan should ever have to go through.

My football club was being taken away, bundled in the back of a van and transported up the M1. All because Milton Keynes wanted a place in the Football League, and a club they couldn't be bothered to grow themselves.

I was lost for a few days when the announcement came. You may remember the news was delivered with England's World Cup campaign a day or two away. Timing the Swiss would have been proud of, but what next for a football mad teen? Bite an acidic bullet and actually buy into MK 'saving' Wimbledon, or find a new club to support. My pals had dragged me to Reading earlier

that year. Nice ground, good side. Decent option.

A few days later I received a delayed text message after getting my phone back for doing something wrong and it read 'we're starting again'. And boy, did we. Time was of the essence, so we packed into Wimbledon Community Centre. Dons Trust chair Kris Stewart said: 'I just want to watch football'. No more fighting, his words became a motto.

I remember heading to Burger King with my brother Tim, behind us a group of lads were singing songs about our brand new but big rivals, Raynes Park Vale. We're coming for you!

A day or two later came a career-making decision. The working party of a hundred were told to pick a room where this new club could utilise your skills. I was 17 and had precious few, but I was studying media so I pushed open the door to the press and communications group. Before I knew it I was given the job of getting the newspapers onside.

One of my prime targets? The Non-League Paper. Writing news and reports, I managed to wriggle my way in for some work experience after finishing college. I never did leave.

Sutton United got in touch with one of the new club's decision

makers. Now we had a name, and they wanted to help. They suggesting a first match a month or so down the line, once we had found some players. Game on.

I turned up early to help that warm night, just after 6pm, not knowing what to expect. I soon found out; hundreds were already snaking round Gander Green Lane. As kick-off drew nearer, a predicted crowd of a 1,000 was five times that.

It was only at that point, on the pitch before a game holding up some kind of banner, that I knew actually everything was going to be alright. At full-time, a 4-0 defeat, a pitch invasion came. Power to the people, my love affair with the Non-League was born at the same time as my club was reborn.

This is where my annoyance stems from regarding the television picks for the FA Cup third round. In an era of Premier League reserve sides, history is one of the only things the competition still has left. The two clubs, Sutton United and Wimbledon miss out on over £300,000 between them as the top-flight clubs again hit the jackpot. I hope it's a game this weekend which makes the television companies regret their decision.

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Milton Keynes 2. Capricorn 3. Fidel Castro 4. Napoleon Solo 5. Mary Hopkin 6. Only Fools and Horses 7. Franz Ferdinand 8. HSBC 9. Fresher or Freshman 10. Yellow 11. Patrick Swayze 12. 1980s (1986)

HALF-TIME TEASER

SPORTING KNOWLEDGE 13. Eton & Harrow 14. Rocky Marciano 15. Kasper Schmeichel 16. Play barefoot 17. American Football 18. Doncaster Rovers 19. The Chair or The Water Jump 20. Belgium 21. Lester Piggott 22. Colin Montgomerie 23. Sochi 24. The Hammer

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PHILLIPE SLEET GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME. WENT TO FEETHAMS BACK IN AROUND 2001/2 TO WATCH MY TEAM LOSE 3-2 I THINK IT WAS. GREAT DAY OUT, HAD A BEER IN THE STRIKERS BARI (THINK) AFTERWARDS. PROPER GOOD DAY OUT. FROM A LUTON TOWN FAN CRAIG WILSON ALL THE VERY BEST FROM A DUNDEE UNITED FAN, NOW LIVING IN DARLO PAUL BROGDEN WELL DONE TO ALL CONCERNED. WILL BE FOLLOWING FROM BEDFORDSHIRE BUT CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH THE DARLO FROM OUR NEW GROUND EARLY NEXT YEAR.

COLIN DODSWORTH GOT OUR TICKETS AND FEEL LIKE CHARLIE FROM WILLY WONKA. GETTING THERE EARLY SO WE GET IN AND GET A PROGRAMME. SHOULD BE A GREAT DAY! IAN WATSON NORMALLY AT HOME GAMES SO GUTTED TO BE MISSING THIS ONE. 3 POINTS WOULD BE PERFECT. PROUD DARLO FAN.

TREVOR LOWES COME ON DARLO LET'S MAKE IT FORTRESS BM AND NOT HAVE A REPEAT OF THE ARENA FIRST GAME !

START AS WE MEAN TO GO ON!! MARK WALL GOOD LUCK DARLO TODAY , SHAME I CAN'T BE THERE WILL BE LISTENING DOWN IN SUNNY ALDERSHOT. WELCOME HOME MARTIN HEN GALLAGHER GOOD TO SEE DARLO BACK HOME NOW HAVE GET OVER FOR GAME IN THE NEW YEAR GOOD LUCK TODAY

GRAEME PARKER ALL THE BEST IN YOUR NEW HOME FROM A SUNDERLAND FANGOOD LUCK LADS LISA WALKER WE KEPT THE FAITH - WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED. COME ON DARLO!! DARREN LEWIN ALL THE VERY BEST BOTH FOR TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE FROM A POOLE TOWN FAN WHOSE CLUB HAS BEEN THROUGH SIMILAR STRUGGLES IN THE LAST 20 YEARS

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

JAKE OSBORN GOOD LUCK TO DARLINGTON HAVE KNOWN THE PAIN OF HAVING A TEAM GO WONDERING PILLAR TO POST AND THE JOY OF FINALLY HAVING A PLACE TO CALL OUR OWN ONCE MORE / GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE DONE THE SAME MICHAEL THORNTON GOOD LUCK FOR TODAY AND THE REST OF THE SEASON. YCFC FAN

JOHN DOBSON ALL THE BEST TO DARLINGTON. 3 POINTS WOULD BE A GOOD START! STEVE JONES MAKE IT A DAY TO REMEMBER LADS. MICHAEL COCKS ITS ABOUT TIME ,LONG OVERDUE . GOOD LUCK DARLO UP THE QUAKERS MARTY ARMSTRONG GOOD LUCK LADS FROM FORMER DARLINGTON LAD NOW LIVING DOWN UNDER JAMES SCOOPY SOWERBY GOOD LUCK. FOR TODAY & YOUR FUTURE, ITS YOURS. JÓN BIRNU SIF GOOD LUCK TODAY HERE FROM ICELAND AKUREYRI CITY

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PHILIP TURNBULL @PTURNBULL8 BUZZING WITH A WIN TODAY IN FRONT OF A FULL HOUSE BACK IN DARLO, CELEBRATING THEM GOALS IN THE SECOND HALF DOWN THAT TIN SHED WAS SPECIAL! X

KEY BURGESS @KEVBURGESS22 WHAT A DAY! GREAT PERFORMANCE BY THE LADS SCORE LINE FLATTERED HALIFAX LADS WERE DOMINANT! BACK AT DARLO BACK TO WINNING! TIN SHED ROCKING

NATHAN CARTMAN @NCARTMAN1 DON'T THINK ALFIE HAS EVER BEEN SO EXCITED. HE ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT TODAY ESPECIALLY WALKING OUT AT THE NEW GROUND!!

KEY BURGESS @KEVBURGESS22 PROUD DAY FOR ME YESTERDAY MY 2 KIDS AS MASCOTS ON OUR HISTORIC DAY BACK IN THE TOWN 3-2 WIN

TALKSPORT 2 @TALKSPORT2 TIME FOR @ TONYINCENZO'S NON LEAGUE REVIEW - AND HIS TEAM OF THE WEEK IS @OFFICIAL_DARLO

RAY STUBBS @RAYSTUBBS CONGRATULATIONS @ OFFICIAL_DARLO @TALKSPORT2 TEAM OF THE WEEK

Vanarama National League North 2016-17

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	AFC Fylde	23	16	5	2	69	31	53	+38
2	Kidderminster	23	14	5	4	43	19	47	+24
3	Chorley	23	12	8	3	36	20	44	+16
4	Darlington	23	12	6	5	53	35	42	+18
5	Salford City	23	11	8	4	41	23	41	+18
6	Tamworth	23	12	8	7	41	37	40	+4
7	Brackley	20	11	6	3	34	21	39	+13
8	Stockport County	23	11	6	6	33	27	39	+6
9	FC Halifax Town	21	10	5	6	45	30	35	+15
10	Harrogate Town	23	9	5	9	35	32	32	+3
11	FC United of Manchester	24	8	7	9	40	37	31	+3
12	Gloucester City	22	9	3	10	38	40	30	-2
13	Boston United	24	7	8	9	36	48	29	-12
14	Nuneaton	23	7	7	9	34	33	28	+1
15	Curzon Ashton	21	7	5	9	30	41	26	-11
16	Alfreton	22	7	4	11	46	56	25	-10
17	Worcester City	22	6	6	10	32	34	24	-2
18	AFC Telford United	23	5	8	10	22	28	23	-6
19	Gainsborough Trinity	23	5	6	12	31	48	21	-17
20	Bradford Park Avenue	24	5	4	15	24	51	19	-27
21	Stalybridge Celtic	23	3	1	19	20	57	10	-37
22	Altrincham	22	1	5	16	21	56	8	-35

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	22		2	1	11	
Gary Brown	18	1	3		3	
Kevin Burgess	17	1			3	
Nathan Cartman	8	12	3		2	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	9	2	3			
Terry Galbraith	23		3		8	1
Josh Gillies	19	1	2		8	
Liam Hardy	12	9	2	1	7	1
Chris Hunter	4	2	2	1		
Peter Jameson	19					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	22		3			
Jack McClaren						
Adam Mitchell	5	6			1	
Lewis Nightingale		1				
Adam Nowakowski	2	4				
Tom Portas	8	2	1			
Amar Purewal	1	5		1	1	1
Harvey Saunders						
Leon Scott	9	6	2	1		
David Syers	3	6	1	1	4	
Stephen Thompson	20	1	1	2	3	1
Phil Turnbull	21		1	1		
Jordan Watson	7	1	1			
Arran Wearmouth						
Paul Woolston	3		1			
own goals					1	

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Season's Stats



Last match



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Scorers Names in **BOLD**.

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

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2016/17

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2016				VERSUS	R	S	ATT																	
Sat	Aug	6th	Altrincham	A	3.00	2-2	1,506	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	1,435	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	Scott	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	1,543	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	1,349	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	2,731	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	1,731	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	1,730	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Cartman	Bell	Purewal	
Sat	Sep	10th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-1	655	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Gillies	Now'ski	Brown	Cartman	Bell	
Wed	Sep	14th	Bradford Park Avenue	A	7.45	2-1	611	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Now'ski	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Cartman	Mitchell	Hardy	Scott	Purewal	H Scott	Robi'son	
Sat	Sep	17th	FA Cup 20R Lancaster City	A	3.00	1-2	580	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Purewal	Thomp'n	Hunter	Mitchell	Now'ski	
Sat	Sep	24th	Stalybridge Celtic	H	3.00	4-1	1,231	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	1,424	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	1,479	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																				
Sat	Jan	14th	Gloucester City	H																				
Sat	Jan	21st	Stockport County	A																				
Sat	Jan	28th	Curzon Ashton	H																				
Sat	Feb	4th	Chorley	A																				
Sat	Feb	11th	Altrincham	H																				
Sat	Feb	18th	Boston United	A																				
Sat	Feb	25th	Harrogate Town	H																				
Sat	Mar	4th	Worcester City	A																				
Sat	Mar	11th	Stalybridge Celtic	A																				
Sat	Mar	18th	Brackley	H																				
Wed	Mar	21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H																				
Sat	Mar	25th	Gainsborough Trinity	A																				
Sat	Apr	1st	AFC Fylde	A																				
Sat	Apr	8th	Tamworth	H																				
Sat	Apr	15th	Alfreton	A																				
Mon	Apr	17th	FC United of Manchester	H																				
Sat	Apr	22nd	AFC Telford United	H																				
Sat	Apr	29th	Salford City	A																				
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Front Row: Michael Robinson, Gary Morgan, Neil Robinson, David Booth (Manager), Mark Hine, Kevin Caizley, Gary Worthington.



TODAY'S Teams



DARLINGTON

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

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Christian Dibble	
Elliott Taylor	
James Clifton	
Alex Penny	
Kelvin Langmead	
Jordan Wheatley	
Elliott Hodgett-Young	
Connor Anderson	
Jordan Nicholson	
Ukasyah Wallace	
David Morgan	
Tom Elliott	
Kristian Scott	
Greg Tempest	
Iwan Cartwright	
Billy Daniels	
Joe Ironside	
David Moli	
Aaron Williams	
Tommy Wright	
Darragh Leahy	
Reece Styche	
Exodus Geohaghton	

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Match officials:

Referee: Gareth Rhodes

Assistant Referees: Elliott Heard and
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Next home games:

Saturday 14th January
Gloucester City, kick off 3pm

Saturday 28th January
Curzon Ashton, kick off 3pm

Next away games:

Saturday 21st January
Stockport County, kick off 3pm

Saturday 4th February
Chorley, kick off 3pm

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Today's other games:

AFC Fylde v FC United of Manchester,
AFC Telford v Gainsborough Trinity,
Altrincham v Gloucester City, Boston
United v Stockport County, Brackley
v Chorley, Harrogate Town v Alfreton,
Salford City v Kidderminster,
Stalybridge v FC Halifax Town,
Tamworth v Curzon Ashton, Worcester
City v Bradford PA

Today's mascot:

Today's mascot is
Elliott Ripley, who is
eight years old and
plays for Darlington
21st All Stars. His
favourite player is
Nathan Cartman.



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