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>> WITH MARTIN GRAY

Good afternoon, welcome to today's game.

I've written these notes before Saturday's away game against North Ferriby, so hopefully we bounced back from our disappointing home defeat by Telford United.

Maybe the away game at York took too much out of the players – I think everyone agreed that the game was played at a very fast tempo by both teams, especially in the first half – and we've taken that factor into account as we prepared for the Bank Holiday weekend. Sometimes it's not easy for players when they're playing two games per week on top of their full time jobs, but on the other hand sometimes you can't wait for the next game to come along so then you can put things right.

Telford managed to score a goal and give themselves something to hold on to, and I was a little disappointed with the way we conceded the goal, we had opportunities to stop the ball getting into our box.

I know the lads were unhappy afterwards, and they knew that they hadn't played anywhere near their best. You need to play at a high standard every week in this league, otherwise you'll lose matches, as Telford proved. But on the other hand, the lads have picked up ten points from five matches, and that's not a bad return.

We've had several games against Spennymoor since 2012, and all of them have been exciting and keenly contested affairs. I'm sure this afternoon will be no exception in front of a very good crowd, and hopefully we'll come out on top.

We will give Spennymoor every respect, just as we do with all teams that we play.

Thanks again for your support, you really do play an important part in games.

Enjoy the afternoon

Martin



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Captain's notes

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL



Good afternoon, everyone,
and welcome to the game.

After the defeat against Telford last week, we need to make up lost ground. I've done these notes before the North Ferriby game on Saturday, but I'm sure that we'll have bounced back from the Telford game.

After the high of the draw at York the previous Tuesday, the defeat was very disappointing against Telford. From 1 to 11 we weren't good enough. Maybe the Tuesday game took its toll on us, we put a lot of effort into that game and we weren't sharp enough against Telford.

But tired or not, we should have set our stall out to get a clean sheet and made sure that we got a point out of the game, but we conceded straight after half time and couldn't really get back into the game. Our quality wasn't good enough, which is very unusual for us, and makes us very determined to bounce back. That's one thing about our character, if we

suffer a defeat, we want to bounce back straight away.

It was only one defeat in five, we're still averaging two points per game, which isn't bad going. The gaffer was very positive after the game, he praised us for the start we'd made to the season. We have to remain level-headed about it, whether we win or lose. There's no point in being over excited and getting carried away if we win, similarly we shouldn't be too negative if we lose.

We have a great bunch of lads in the dressing room, and I'm sure that we'll be back to our best.

Enjoy this afternoon's game

Phil

Coming to Blackwell Meadows today...

Spennymoor Town are visiting Blackwell Meadows today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Originally formed in 1904 as Spennymoor United
- Played in the North Eastern, Wearside, Northern Premier, Northern Counties East League and Northern Leagues as United
- Reached the 3rd round of FA Cup in 1937 and played West Brom
- Reached the semi finals of the FA Trophy in 1978, losing to Leatherhead over two legs
- In 2005 were unable to fulfil fixtures and removed from Unibond League
- Reformed in 2005 as Spennymoor Town following the demise of Spennymoor United and Evenwood Town
- Have been promoted four times since under manager Jason Ainsley
- Won the FA Vase in 2013
- Reached FA Cup first round for first time since reform last season, the 18th time they have played in the first round proper

LAST SIX GAMES

22/08/2017 Boston (A) Won 3-0
 19/08/2017 Brackley (A) Lost 2-0
 15/08/2017 Bradford PA (H) Won 3-0
 08/08/2017 FC United (A) Won 3-2
 05/08/2017 Stockport County (H) Won 1-0
 29/04/2017 Stourbridge (H) Won 1-0
 Playoff Final

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/2017 Northern Premier League
 Points 87 Position 2nd (Promotion through playoffs)
 2015/2016 Northern Premier League
 Division One North Points 91 Position 2nd
 (Promotion through playoffs)

2014/2015 Northern Premier League
 Division One North Points 77 Position 5th,
 lost in play offs.

2013/2014 Northern League Division One
 Points 100 Position 1st (Promoted)

2012/2013 Northern League Division One
 Points 109 Position 2nd

2011/2012 Northern League Division One
 Points 97 Position 1st

CONNECTIONS:

Quakers have numerous connections with Moors, the most notable being Moors' kind gesture in allowing us to stage two NPL games at the Brewery Field in the NPL title winning season.

There are several former Darlington

Spennymoor Town



players in the Moors squad. Midfielder Jamie Chandler was man of the match for Quakers in the Wembley FA Trophy final in 2011, while Joe Tait, David Dowson, Graeme Armstrong and Adam Mitchell have all won promotion winners' medals with Quakers.

LAST TWO MATCHES

Boston United 0 Spennymoor 3

After a good start to the game, Moors took the lead on 42 minutes when David Foley's low cross was turned in by a combination of Glen Taylor and a defender. Boston put the Moors defence under strong pressure in the second half but Moors stunned them by getting a second when Foley split the home defence with a great ball, giving Taylor the chance to run through and beat the keeper. Andrew Johnson finished off Boston with a late tap in.

Moors: Lowson, Griffiths, Curtis, Tait, Chantler, Hall (sub Chandler 71), Ramshaw, Dixon, Johnson, Foley (sub Orrell 90), Taylor

Subs not used: Anderson, Mason, Porter
 Brackley 2 Spennymoor 0

Moors' 100 per cent record of three wins from three matches came to an end at St James Park. They had a good start to the game, but Brackley took the lead through Lee Ndlovu's header before half time. James Curtis was red carded for two bookable offences near the end, and in stoppage time Matt Lowe slotted in the second.

Team: Lowson, Griffiths, Chantler (sub Orrell 80), Chandler, Tait, Curtis, Hall,

Dixon, Taylor, Ramshaw, Foley (sub Johnson 66), Subs not used: Mason, Porter, Henry.

PLAYERS/ MANAGERS

Jason Ainsley - Manager

As a player Ainsley played in the Football League for Hartlepool United, but also had a long career in the semi-professional game in England and other countries around the world. One of the sides he played for was Spennymoor United, whom he had several spells with, and helped them win promotion twice as well as reaching the FA Cup first round in 1990 against Chesterfield.

After the club was reformed as Spennymoor Town, Ainsley became manager in 2006 where he has been ever since. In his first season in charge he guided the side to the Northern League Second Division title and promotion. In the club's third season in Division One of the Northern League they won the first title, the first of three successive promotions.

In 2013 Ainsley took the club to Wembley, and they lifted the FA Vase by beating Tunbridge Wells. Since then under his management the club has been promoted three times out of the last four seasons which has seen them rise to the National League North.

Joe Tait

Tait started his career with Hartlepool United, but was unable to break into the



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Spennymoor Town



first team. He moved to America to play in college football and went onto play professionally for Dayton Dutch Lions and Philadelphia Union. Tait joined ourselves, as he played a key role in helping us secure the Northern League title. His impressive displays led to him joining Gateshead before re-joining us on loan. After being released by the Heed in the summer of 2014 he joined the Moors whom he has helped to two promotions.

Chris Mason - Club captain

Club captain Chris has played over 300 times for Moors. The defender started his career with Darlington and made one appearance away at Scunthorpe United in 2004. He then moved into the non-league game before having a spell abroad

in Sweden. He joined the Moors in 2009 where he has remained ever since and been a pivotal part in their successes in both league and cup.

Andrew Johnson (Midfielder)

This will be Andrew's second season with Spennymoor after joining from Northern League Ashington last season and he played a starring role in a number of key moments in Spennymoor's season last year. His wonderful FA Cup First Round strike against MK Dons will go down in Spennymoor folklore, but he scored almost a carbon copy again in the playoffs in April to sink Nantwich Town. The 31-year-old was touted by many clubs at Spennymoor's level, before he decided to join The Moors last season.

LAST SEASON

The Northern Premier League Premier Division was a tough slog for Moors, regularly facing three games in seven days and long away trips around the country.

Some high-profile new additions to the team, including Gateshead trio Robert Ramshaw, James Curtis and Jamie Chandler resulted in the club entering the new season with an air of expectancy.

But a shock 3-1 defeat on the opening day away to Hednesford served as a useful wakeup call. The team followed it with a seven-game unbeaten run, which included the beginnings of a historic FA Cup run.

Moors reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, earning a glamour tie away to MK Dons at their stunning Stadium MK.



JOE TAIT



JAMIE CHANDLER

A brilliant day out for officials, players and fans alike, Moors' moment in the sun almost entered dreamland when they came from 3-0 down to peg the League One side back to 3-2. A few late chances could have forced a replay, but the heroic Moors fell just short.

The cup run had distracted somewhat from the league campaign and it took a good few weeks for Spennymoor to regain their form. A late season charge saw them finish second in the league to overcome Nantwich and eventually Stourbridge in the Playoffs and seal Moors' spot in the National League North - the highest level in the club's history.

Manager: Jason Ainsley

Assistant manager: Tommy Miller

Goalkeepers: Dan Lowson, Jordan Porter

Defenders: Chris Mason, Chris Chantler, Joe Tait, James Curtis, Kallum Griffiths, Adam Mitchell

Midfielders: Andrew Johnson, Jamie Chandler, Mark Anderson, Matthew Dixon, Rob Ramshaw, Ryan Hall, Shane Henry

Forwards: David Dowson, David Foley, Glen Taylor, Graeme Armstrong, Jake Orrell, Tom Craddock



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Previous meetings



GRAEME ARMSTRONG SCORES FOR DARLINGTON
IN THE PLAY OFF SEMI FINAL IN 2015

There have been some epic confrontations between the two clubs since they first met in the Northern League in season 2012-13.

The first league meeting between the two clubs was in November 2012, when they drew 0-0 at Heritage Park, Moors having a goal just before half time disallowed in front of a crowd of 1,832.

The return game at the Brewery Field attracted a huge crowd of 2,670, and after being a goal down, Quakers came out on top by 3-1. Gavin Cogdon gave Moors the lead, but Terry Galbraith equalised with a left foot shot, and in the second half Adam Nicholls and David Dowson added further goals.

Quakers went on to win the league and promotion, Moors went to Wembley and won the FA Vase.

Moors won promotion in season 2013-14 from the Northern League, and the clubs met again in the EvoStik First Division North in season 2014-15.

Quakers won the first league game in August at the Brewery Field 2-0, with both goals scored by Graeme Armstrong. He scored his first from a Gary Brown cross, and his second with a header from a Terry Galbraith

corner. The return game at Heritage Park in November saw Quakers win with a first minute header by Graeme Armstrong again, but Moors threw everything at Quakers in the search for an equaliser.

Quakers finished second at the end of the season, Moors fifth, which meant a semi final play off between the two. The match was a classic, with Moors leading 2-1 late in the game until a dramatic fightback by Quakers. Graeme Armstrong headed Quakers into the lead, but Joe Tait equalised following a period of Moors pressure. They went 2-1 up on 76 minutes with an effort by Michael Roberts, but two minutes later Liam Hatch levelled with a header from a Terry Galbraith corner. Kallum Griffiths hit the bar from 40 yards for Moors in a heartstopping moment for both sets of supporters, but in the last minute Armstrong set up David Dowson, who squeezed the ball in at the near post.

Quakers went on to beat Bamber Bridge in the final, Moors had to wait another year to win promotion.

SPENNYMOOR TOWN

THE UNLIKELY LADS



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

> JOHNNY DIXON

Former Spennymoor United inside-left Johnny Dixon skippered Aston Villa's 1957 FA Cup final triumph. Initially with Spennymoor, he moved to Villa Park in January 1946 and was Aston Villa's top scorer in three successive seasons. Ever-present in the top-flight in 1951-52, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1958-59 and featured in Villa's 1959-60 Second Division title campaign. He netted 132 goals in 392 League games before hanging up his boots in May 1961, then joined Villa's coaching staff. Later running an ironmonger's shop in Wylde Green for many years until selling up in September 1985, he died in Sutton Coldfield in January 2009.

> JOHNNY SPUHLER

Ex-England Schoolboy winger Johnny Spuhler had a spell as Spennymoor United's player-manager. Initially with hometown Sunderland, he contested a first-team slot with Len Duns and joined Middlesbrough in October 1945. He starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round that season, moving to Darlington in June 1954. Appointed Spennymoor's player-boss in November

1956, he had a brief spell as Shrewsbury Town's manager during the closing weeks of the 1957-58 campaign, then coached Spennymoor, West Auckland and Stockton. He later ran a post office in Yarm, then settled in Barnard Castle and died in Middlesbrough in January 2007.

> LEN WALKER

Former Spennymoor United wing-half Len Walker captained Aldershot's 1972-73 promotion success. He impressed with Spennymoor before joining Newcastle United in May 1963 and made his League debut at Leyton Orient four months later. Moving to Aldershot in June 1964, he was ever-present in 1966-67 and starred in the 1969-70 FA Cup run. He netted 24 goals in a then club record 447 League outings before reuniting with Peter Madden at Darlington in August 1976, succeeding him as manager in October 1978. Returning to Aldershot as coach in January 1980, he had two spells as manager and later became Fulham's assistant-boss.



> MICK HEATHCOTE

Former Spennymoor United central defender Mick Heathcote was an important figure in Plymouth Argyle's 1995-96 Third Division play-off final triumph. He impressed with Spennymoor prior to joining Sunderland for a club record £15,000 in August 1987 and made his League debut in their 7-0 victory over Southend United three months later. Sold to Shrewsbury Town for £55,000 in July 1990, he joined Cambridge United for £150,000 in September 1991 and helped qualify for the First Division play-offs that season. He joined Plymouth for £70,000 in July 1995, then returned to Shrewsbury in August 2001 before Colwyn Bay, Hucknall and Leek Town.

> JOHN COOKE

One-time Spennymoor United striker John Cooke helped Sunderland to regain top-flight status in 1979-80. Signing professional for Sunderland in November 1979, the England Youth international had a loan spell at Carlisle United before



joining Sheffield Wednesday in June 1985. He reunited with Pop Robson back at Carlisle four months later but was unable to prevent their slide to the Fourth Division. Joining Stockport County in July 1988, he helped them reach the Fourth Division play-offs in 1989-90 and moved to Chesterfield in July 1990. He later played for Gateshead and Spennymoor before returning to Sunderland as kit manager in January 1994.

> WES SAUNDERS

Former Spennymoor United defender Wes Saunders was captain and scored in Torquay United's 1990-91 Fourth Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Newcastle United in June 1981, he made his League debut in their 2-1 defeat at Chelsea five months later and appeared in the same team as Kevin Keegan as they regained top-flight status in 1983-84. He joined Carlisle United in August 1985 and moved to Dundee in February 1988, then Torquay in July 1990. Joining Spennymoor in July 1993, he later played for Jarrow Roofing. He managed Torquay from July 1998 until July 2001, since working in the family textile business.

> BRIAN HONOUR

Hard-working midfielder Brian Honour was 'Player of the Year' in Hartlepool United's 1990-91 promotion success. The younger brother of former Hartlepool midfielder John Honour, he turned professional with Darlington in February 1982 and secured a regular first-team slot. He had a spell with Peterlee Newtown prior to

joining Hartlepool in February 1985. Scoring the goal that took AFC Bournemouth to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1988-89, he played over 300 Football League games for Hartlepool before moving to Spennymoor in May 1994. He joined Pools' coaching staff, then managed Durham City, Bishop Auckland and Horden CW.

> PAUL DOBSON

One-time Spennymoor United striker Paul Dobson was Torquay United's leading marksman in 1986-87, scoring the dramatic goal that preserved Football League status. Initially with Newcastle United, he joined Hartlepool in November 1981 and moved to Torquay in July 1986. He starred as they reached the Fourth Division play-off final in 1987-88 and joined Doncaster Rovers in an exchange deal involving Sean Joyce and Paul Holmes in August 1988. Moving to Scarborough in February 1989, he joined Lincoln City in January 1991, then Darlington in August 1992 before spells at Gateshead, Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street and Spennymoor.

> NICKY MOHAN

Central defender Nicky Mohan played for Spennymoor United during the 2002-03 campaign. He turned professional with hometown Middlesbrough in November 1987, starring as they regained top-flight status and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1991-92. Sold to Leicester City for £330,000 in July 1994, he joined Bradford City for £225,000 in July 1995 and helped them win promotion in 1995-96. He moved to Wycombe

Wanderers in August 1997, then played for Stoke City prior to joining Hull City in July 2001 and later played for Gateshead, Harrogate, Spennymoor, Thornaby, Bishop Auckland, Stokesley and Guisborough Town.

> CRAIG HIGNETT



One-time Spennymoor midfielder Craig Hignett helped Blackburn Rovers to win the League Cup in 2002. A former Liverpool apprentice, he moved to Crewe Alexandra in May 1988 and starred as they reached the Fourth Division play-offs in 1991-92. He was sold to Middlesbrough for £500,000 in November 1992 and featured in two promotion campaigns, then moved via Aberdeen and Barnsley to Blackburn for £2,250,000 in July 2000. Helping win promotion in 2000-01, he joined Leicester City in July 2003, then had spells at Crewe, Darlington, Apollon Limasol, Spennymoor, Hartlepool and Billingham Synthonia, becoming Hartlepool's manager.



Building the future together

>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to this afternoon's game.

It's great to see so many people enjoying our hospitality today; there are around 80 people being wined and dined in the Feethams Lounge this afternoon and we hope that you have a great bank holiday.

Hospitality is an important source of revenue for the club and it is great value for money, especially if you're entertaining your business clients or with a group of friends. You can watch the game from the balcony providing a great afternoon and we also have opportunities for match and match-ball sponsors. For more details please e-mail Joanne on hospitality@darlingtonfc.org.

I've have held a lot of meetings recently regarding the long term sustainable future for the club and discussions are ongoing with several parties. For the time being however I must respect confidences but I do feel as if we are slowly getting there. I had hoped for matters to move a little quicker than they have been but when third parties and other individuals are involved then I suppose delays are inevitable. I shall inform everyone when I have something definite to

say and obviously with the agreement of all concerned.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to explain club policy regarding new signings. There have been a couple of occasions recently when news of a signing has come out on social media, and people are wondering why the club hasn't announced it at the same time.

The club will only announce signings when all the relevant paperwork has been signed and approved by all the relevant parties, such as the league, the Football Association, the player, the clubs and the player's agent. We had a situation pre-season in which a certain player and his club announced that he had signed for us - to this day, that player has not signed a form with us.

We were slightly disappointed with the attendance last Saturday, we really thought that we would have had a bigger crowd than 1,532 and we are now looking at different initiatives to increase crowds; but firstly I would like to encourage everyone to bring a friend to a game. I know that we lost last Saturday when the team were a little tired from the

mid-week game at York but we have played some very good football so far - eight goals in three home games isn't bad going. In my view, there is nothing better than watching football live on a Saturday or a Bank Holiday afternoon!

It was a disappointing result last Saturday, but nevertheless we've still had a great start to the season, 10 points from 15 is a decent return and we have showed in our previous four games that we're more than capable of being in the thick of the promotion fight this season.

This afternoon's game is sure to be an exciting and competitive encounter as all previous games between us and Spennymoor have been. Brad and Jason have built a good team together that has won promotion and it's great for the region to have both clubs competing in this league.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the players, officials and fans from Spennymoor to Blackwell Meadows today and I hope they have a safe journey home afterwards.

Enjoy the game.

David

Congratulations Terry!

Terry Galbraith became the latest member to join the 200 club when he played against Telford United last Saturday. He spoke to Ray Simpson.

There haven't been many more popular left backs in the club's history, and Terry fully deserves the accolades that have come his way on reaching his 200th appearance since he signed for us nearly five years ago.

Signed from Dunston UTS in December 2012, he made his debut in the 2-1 away defeat at Newton Aycliffe in the Northern League - and he never finished on the losing side again that season.

Since then, he has become one of the fans' favourite players, because of his polished displays at left back - or sometimes centre half!

"I've been here nearly five years, and to think that where we are now, compared to where we were when I signed, is amazing," he said. "It's been a brilliant journey and one I hope continues again this season. There have been three promotions in five seasons so far, and to get a fourth and get the club back in the

National League would be brilliant.

"Why not the Football League? We've got some brilliant players at the club who could easily step into the next league and the league above. The sky is the limit with this club, and the way that we're progressing, without looking too far ahead, we're going in the right direction."

Terry has scored 55 goals for Quakers in his five years - an average of a goal every four games played, some of them in open play, some from the penalty spot - and he reckons that his most memorable goal was the 25 yard left foot shot that flew into the net against Spennymoor in the Northern League season of 2012-13. It's probably also the most memorable goal for many Darlo fans who were inside the Brewery Field that night.

"That was a really special moment," he said.

"Personally, it was great for me to score that goal, because we were 1-0 down at the time, and if we'd gone 2-0 down before half time, it would have been a different scenario. When the ball rolled nicely in front of me, I thought I would hit it with my left foot because I had nothing to lose. It flew into the bottom corner, and I can honestly say that I don't think I'll score a better goal than that one."

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"It was a big turning point of the season, we went on a great run after Spennymoor, and we only dropped two more points after that, against Bishop Auckland."

He picks out three memories of matches in particular, and all of them are linked to days when we clinched promotion.

"In order of progression, my best memories are the three promotions. The best was the night we won 7-1 at Whitby. We made an unbelievable start to the game that night taking a grip on the game straight away. Everyone was on top of their game."

"Winning the league in the style we did stands out for me. We played so many games in the last fortnight of the season, we just ticked them all off one by one. If we hadn't won at Whitby, then it would have gone to the last game at Rushall Olympic, which would have been tough. Who knows what would have happened there. Doing it by beating Whitby 7-1 was unbelievable."

The second was winning promotion from the EvoStik First Division North through the play offs. "The semi final against Spennymoor was a great match, both teams gave everything, and it was end to end stuff. For us to come back from 2-1 down and win 3-2 in front of a big crowd was amazing. I don't think many people will forget David Dowson's winner!"

"The final against Bamber Bridge was 0-0 at half time, but then we scored twice in a few minutes and won it. There were more great scenes on the pitch, and more celebrations."

Terry's third best memory is winning the Northern League at Heritage Park. "All those people on the pitch after we beat Guisborough and Team Northumbria was fantastic. The atmosphere was electric. To win the league in the way we did took some doing, especially against a team as good as Spennymoor."

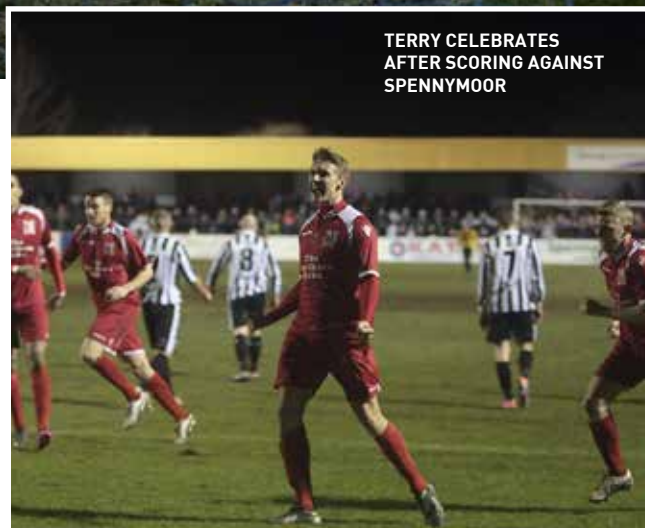
"All in all, I've had some great memories, and hopefully there will be a lot more good ones to come."



TERRY SCORES FROM THE SPOT AGAINST MARSK



TERRY SCORES AGAINST BOSTON LAST SEASON



TERRY CELEBRATES AFTER SCORING AGAINST SPENNYMOOR



TERRY SCORES FROM THE SPOT AGAINST WHITBY ON THE NIGHT WE WON PROMOTION

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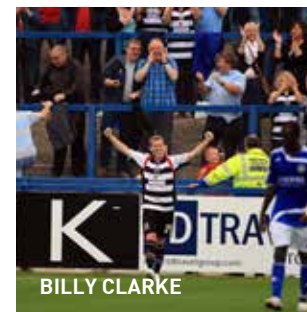
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Craig Stoddart and Ray Simpson have been keeping an eye on the activities of former Darlo players.



DAVID STOCKDALE



BILLY CLARKE



ANTHONY PEACOCK

David Stockdale has revealed that he moved from Brighton to Birmingham for family reasons.

"It was a new challenge. Things don't always work out how people want them to work out, that's football," he said. "I'm not the type of guy to hold grudges or leave on bad terms. I had a great relationship with the club, the fans and the squad and as soon as I left I got messages from all around. There were some mixed messages from the fans but I believe that's just because they want their team to be the best it can."

"My decision was based on my family this time. My daughter is doing her exams soon so I needed a bit longer on my contract. These are reasons people didn't know at the time and I'm not ashamed to say I put my family first and football second for a change."

"Some people don't usually do that, and they might not agree with that, but I've moved my family sometimes every year if needs be and they don't kick up a fuss, so why should I be doing it when I think about them?"

Charlton Athletic manager Karl Robinson says that he won't be a curbing a "horrible streak" in

striker **Billy Clarke**.

Robinson signed Clarke, who played 20 games and scored eight times for Quakers in 2008, from Bradford City during the summer, and says that he has a "horrible streak" in games and in training, as he proved when he scored against Ipswich Town in a pre-season friendly.

"That's just Billy. He's like that every day in training, he's a loon but he's an infectious kid. I totally forgot we were playing his first club, but Billy doesn't even know who we're playing, he just runs around. He's another who really enjoys the challenge of being here."

Nathan Fisher continued his terrific scoring streak last weekend. After scoring two hat tricks against Penrith and Guisborough in the first week of the season, he scored another hat trick last weekend against Stockton Town. With a goal against Newcastle Benfield, he is now into double figures for the season.

Gary Pearson, who is now manager of Ryhope CW in the Northern League, led his team to their third successive win this season when they won 3-0 at Billingham Synthonia last Saturday.

Anthony Peacock, who has played for both Darlington and Spennymoor, scored his first goal for his current club Shildon when he was on target in their 5-1 FA Cup win at Guisborough last weekend.

Former Darlo general manager **Dave Watson** has become the new chairman of Northallerton, his home town.

Dave told the club's website: "I enjoyed my time with Darlington and worked with some great people who have become friends. I was involved with The Evostik championship season. I have gained vital experience, unfortunately I was unable to continue in the position as my time was limited."

"I look forward to the challenge back at 'The Town'. The club has plans for new floodlights and the committee and fans are all working toward that cause. I want to support manager Darren Trotter and assistant Richie Farrel in getting us back in the first division."



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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

After five games, Brackley Town remain the only side in the division with a 100% record. They defeated the only other side with a 100% record, Spennymoor, last Saturday. Harrogate Town have enjoyed a strong start, with four wins and a draw from their opening five games. They're also the league's top scorers, with 17 goals so far.

Relegated from the National League last season, Southport have adapted well to life in the division below. They're unbeaten and level on points with Harrogate.

After their opening day defeat to Darlington, Salford have reacted positively, winning their next four games, conceding just one goal in the process.

York are also unbeaten since an opening day defeat and sit 5th in the table, two points behind Salford.

Out of the promoted sides, Spennymoor have started brightest this season, registering three straight victories before last weekend's defeat at leaders Brackley.

Moors are in the final play-off spot, ahead of Tamworth on goal difference. The Lambs have recorded back-to-back victories against Boston and Curzon Ashton, although are yet to keep a clean sheet this season.

After losing at Spennymoor on the first day of the season, Stockport have recovered, with only one defeat in their four games since. And that loss came against in-form title favourites Salford.

Curzon Ashton complete the top 10 after a mixed start to the campaign. They've won two, lost two and drawn one.

Newly promoted Blyth Spartans also sit mid-table after a mixed start. They lost their opening two games before recording back-to-back wins, only to lose at home to struggling North Ferriby last week.

At the time of writing, Boston lay 12th in the table with two wins and two defeats. However, victory in their re-arranged game at home to

Spennymoor on Tuesday could have moved them within striking distance of the play-off places.

Last season's runners-up Kidderminster had a dreadful start, losing their first two games. Successive wins saw them kickstart their campaign, before losing last weekend at Salford.

Alfreton began the season with an opening day victory over Blyth. Since then, they've struggled with three defeats in four games, including a 4-1 humbling at Darlington a fortnight ago.

Last weekend's 1-0 win at Blackwell Meadows ended a run of three straight defeats for AFC Telford. The Bucks' two victories this season have both come away from home.

Bradford PA have an identical record to AFC Telford's, with an opening day victory followed by three straight defeats, then victory last Saturday.

Chorley made the play-off final last season, but have begun the new campaign in poor fashion. They did win at Kidderminster on the opening day, but have taken just one point from their subsequent four games.

Entertainment seems to be following Gainsborough around at the moment. In their five games so far, a total of 26 goals have been scored, including Darlington's 4-3 win over Trinity at Blackwell Meadows.

Following victory over Gainsborough in their first league game since promotion, Leamington have plummeted down the table after four defeats on the spin.

Nuneaton Town have also got off to a slow start, with four defeats from their first five games.

North Ferriby moved off the foot of the table with their win at Blyth last weekend. They had lost their first four games prior to that.

And FC United are the only side yet to pick up a victory this season. They're bottom of the table with just a single point to their name.



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The general feeling after this game was that our visit to Bootham Crescent turned out to be one of the best goalless draws that Quakers have ever been involved in.

Many likened the clash to an old-style blood and thunder game in the Football League, with players and fans engrossed in an end to end game, in which York tried to overrun Quakers in the first half, and then Quakers took control of the second half and nearly won it themselves.

Quakers nearly took the lead on 4 minutes. James Caton beat two men on the left hand side and crossed to the far post, where Mark Beck headed against the angle of post and crossbar.

Quakers were forced back after that. Keeper Adam Bartlett made two great saves, while the defenders in front of him threw themselves at everything. Quakers also had a hand from the crossbar, keeping out a header by Michael Rankine.

The dynamic of the game changed after half time though as Quakers enjoyed more possession and stopped York from getting the ball into the box.

We had the first chance of the second half

when David Ferguson crossed deep from the left, and David Syers headed over, then sub Stephen Thompson volleyed a deep cross from David Ferguson just over the bar. Then Fergie tried his luck with a rasping 40 yarder that flew just over the top - what a goal that would have been.

With seven minutes left, Chris Hunter made a great run and the ball dropped for Syers, whose right foot shot hit the inside of the post and bounced to safety. It was the first time we had failed to score away since November 2016 at Telford, but not many were grumbling because we would have settled for a point before the game.

Plus, we were still unbeaten in four matches!

Team: Bartlett, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Collins, Brown (sub Scott 46), Gillies (sub Thompson 69), Syers, Beck, Caton (sub Saunders 58), Ferguson

Subs: Wilczynski, Fenwick

Booking: Collins

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



Darlington chairman Harry Robinson, right, emphasises a point to Ken Hale, centre, and chief scout Jack Watson. The picture is from December 1969, halfway through a season that saw Quakers finish 22nd – one place above Hartlepool. Hale missed only one game during 69-70, going on to make almost 200 appearances for the club before moving to Halifax Town in 1972.



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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 was Elvis Presley's middle name?
2. If you were to travel due east from Leicester to Norwich, which is the biggest town you would pass en route?
3. What was the name of Kurt Cobain's rock star lover?
4. Who hosted the long-running TV cookery game show, Ready Steady Cook from 200 to 2010?
5. What does Jennifer Beals' wannabe ballet dancer do for a living in Flashdance?
6. What kind of pastry is used to make profiteroles?
7. During which battle did Davy Crockett die?
8. Yiddish, the Jewish language, is based on which North European language?
9. What connected Austria, Finland and Sweden on New Year's Day in 1995?
10. What is the name of the prison situated in Stockton, not far from the A19?
11. On a weather map, what is the word used to describe the lines which link equal amounts of pressure?

SECOND HALF - SPORT

12. Who was the last manager to lead an England side out at the old Wembley Stadium?
13. Which team won a major tournament in 1992, having originally failed to qualify?
14. Discounting the teams involved, what links the 1946 & 1947 FA Cup finals?
15. Which is the largest city in England never to have had a Football League club? (It's in the North)
16. Who was the author of the sporting classic The Compleat Angler?
17. Which racecourse stages the Welsh Grand National each year?
18. Cumberland and Cornish are variations of which sport?
19. In which European country will the 2018 Ryder Cup be staged?
20. In which Olympic sport is the Val Barker trophy awarded?
21. Of the 92 in the Premier/Football League, name two out of the three clubs whose name contains THREE letter 'O's.
22. Who was England's top run-scorer in the first day/night Test match against the West Indies earlier this month?

HOW DID YOU DO?

POINTS SCORED

- 22 - 17** Well done! You're a born scorer and a real fox in the box
- 16 - 11** Flashes of brilliance on the ball but you lack consistency
- 10 - 6** Average performance - more work needed on the training ground
- 5 or less** Little awareness of football or, indeed, life in general. Have you considered a job at the FA?

ANSWERS
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Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

In the latest of his Memory Match series, Simon Weatherill looks back to the 5-2 derby away win at Hartlepool on 29th August 1987.

The summer of 1987 saw David Booth take over as Darlington manager. The former Grimsby boss had been out of the game for a couple of years but was chosen as the man to get Darlington back on track. The club were preparing for life back in Division 4 after two seasons in the Third Division under Cyril Knowles, who had been sacked in the previous March and replaced by Paul Ward as player manager until the end of the season. Ward hadn't been able to save the club from relegation, so the new season would kick off with the Quakers back in more familiar surroundings.

One of Booth's first acts was to appoint Phil Bonnyman as his assistant. The 33 year old midfielder signed from Grimsby and had previously played for Hamilton, Carlisle and Chesterfield. He would provide valuable experience to the Quakers midfield, as well as his coaching responsibilities. Booth also added Gary Worthington (from Huddersfield), Mark Outterside (from Sunderland), Kevin Stonehouse (from Blackpool) and Dave McAughtrie (from York City) to his squad in preparation for the new campaign.

As soon as the fixtures were announced fans started looking forward to August 29. The third game of the season would see the Quakers make the short trip to the Victoria

Ground to renew their rivalry with old foes Hartlepool United after a two year gap. Both sides made a quiet start to the new season. Darlington drew 2-2 at Halifax on the opening day, followed by a shambolic 1-2 home defeat by Stockport County. Pools had kicked off with a goalless draw at home to Newport, followed by a 2-1 reverse at Wrexham, so by the time that they met in their early season encounter, both sides were struggling at the wrong end of the table with one point each.

Teenage full back Gary Hinchley had injured his ankle on the opening day at Halifax but had recovered and was named in the squad for the Pools match. Phil Bonnyman and Dave McAughtrie were injury doubts but both passed fitness tests to keep their places in the starting eleven, so Hinchley had to settle for a place on the bench. Hartlepool's first choice keeper Kevin Carr was out injured. His place in the first two games had been taken by former Quaker Phil Owers, but Pools manager John Bird had gone out during the week and signed Mark Prudhoe on loan from Walsall. Prudhoe would make his debut against the Quakers.

A disappointing crowd of only 2106 turned out at the Victoria Ground for the game. They saw the Quakers, playing in their changed strip of all

gold, completely dominate the first half, but it was a typical derby game, with tackles flying in and chances created at both ends. The Quakers steadily gaining control though and were much the stronger team. Prudhoe did well again to block a Gary MacDonald shot, then an under pressure Keith Nobbs headed across his own goal to concede a corner. Alan Roberts very nearly broke through with a speedy dribble, only stopped by a last ditch tackle by Paul Haigh, then in the 43rd minute David Currie received the ball on the edge of the area, turned his defender, and curled a superb shot against the post. Currie wasn't to be denied though and a minute later he scored the crucial opening goal. He drifted past two defenders in the box before calmly slotting past Prudhoe to make the half time score Hartlepool 0 Darlington 1.

Pools manager John Bird was unhappy with his side's first half performance. He withdrew Andy Toman from the action and replaced him with teenage striker Andy Dixon. The substitution paid instant dividends as the home side equalised in the 48th minute. A Brian Honour corner was headed back across goal by Haigh and stabbed home by Dixon with his first touch. Things got even better for Hartlepool when they grabbed the lead a



minute later. Another Honour corner was cleared to the edge of the box, landing at the feet of Bobby Thomson, who fired towards goal. His shot into the crowded goalmouth was met by Paul Baker who fired home on the turn, from close range. From controlling the game and looking comfortable at 1-0 in front, the Quakers suddenly found themselves 2-1 down, with a resurgent Pools now making the running. Darlington regrouped and played their way back into the game, deservedly equalising in the 64th minute. Roberts fired a shot against the foot of the post and Currie followed up to tap home his second of the afternoon. Then a minute later, the Quakers were back in front. A comical mix up in the Pools defence between Prudhoe and Wayne Stokes allowed Roberts in to slot into the empty net. Roberts increased the lead four minutes later, picking the ball up just inside his own half and setting off towards goal. He threaded his way through

a series of half hearted challenges before firing past Prudhoe from the edge of the area. Three goals in five minutes had put the Quakers in complete control and they added a fifth on 77 minutes when Paul Ward beat a feeble offside trap and lobbed home over the stranded Prudhoe from 25 yards out. There was still time for Currie to shoot just over, MacDonald to shave the bar and for Ward to shoot narrowly wide before the referee blew the final whistle to put an end to Hartlepool's misery.

The 5-2 victory pushed the Quakers towards the top end of the table, and seven points from the next three games saw them reach sixth place and hopes were high that Booth could lead them towards a promotion push.

They lacked the consistency required to be serious contenders though and sat just shy of the promotion places for most of the season, but once David Currie was sold to Barnsley at the end of February, their season fell away. One win in the last ten games saw the club slip away to eventually finish in 13th place with 65 points. Star man Currie finished with impressive figures of 21 goals in 31 appearances.

Hartlepool produced a 20 page programme "Pools News" costing 50p. There was limited coverage of their opponents, just a team photo and pen pictures of the players on a double page centre spread. The team line ups were on the back page.

Team v Hartlepool : 1 Jeremy Roberts 2 Mark Hine 3 Gary Morgan 4 Phil Bonnyman 5 Peter Robinson 6 Dave McAughtrie 7 Alan Roberts 8 Paul Ward 9 Gary MacDonald 10 David Currie 11 Stephen Bell Subs 12 Gary Hinchley (not used) 14 Kevin Stonehouse (replaced Currie, 78 mins)

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On This Day

In this nostalgic series, we look back at back at corresponding matches on this day

August 24th 1999, League Cup, first round, second leg

Bolton Wanderers 5 Darlington 3, attendance 5,361

After drawing the first leg 1-1 at Feethams (Michael Oliver scoring), Quakers went to the Reebok Stadium and gave the Championship side a close game, going down 5-3, with goals by new signing Lee Nogan (2) and Marco Gabbiadini.

Quakers were 2-0 down after 10 minutes, but Nogan scored twice in seven minutes to put Quakers back on level terms before half time. But Bolton scored three times in the second half, before Marco Gabbiadini pulled a goal back.

Team: Collett, Heckingbottom, Liddle, Reed, Himsworth (sub Oliver 67), Bennett, Gray, Atkinson (sub Carruthers 81), Gabbiadini (sub Duffield 89), Heaney, Nogan

Subs not used: Samways, Brumwell

August 31st 2002, Division Three

Kidderminster 1 Darlington 1, attendance 2,488

Quakers came from behind to grab a point at Aggborough. The visitors went ahead through Ian Foster with a 53rd



CARLOS LOGAN

minute penalty, but Barry Conlon levelled eight minutes later.

Team: Collett, Valentine, Liddle, Clarke, Betts, Ford, Maddison, Cullen (sub Alexander 57), Clark (sub Wainwright 58), Naylor (sub Hadland 58), Conlon. Subs not used: McGurk, Nicholls.

August 30th 2003, Division Three

Rochdale 4 Darlington 2, Attendance 2518

Quakers went into the game having won their first game of the season the previous Monday by beating Leyton Orient with a Matt Clarke goal. David McGurk headed Quakers into the lead, but Lee McEvilly equalised for Rochdale with a penalty after Craig Liddle was adjudged to have pushed an attacker when he was going for a corner. McEvilly scored another before half time. But Gary Pearson levelled with a low shot just on half time.

But after half time, Paul Connor fired Rochdale in front, and Leo Bertos made it 4-2 with a curling free kick.

Darlington: Collett, Valentine,

Liddle, Clarke, Pearson (sub Bossy 66), Keltie, Conlon, McGurk, Hughes, Robson (sub Clark), Hutchinson. Subs: Price, Maddison, Artun.

August 22nd 2006, League Cup

Stoke City 1 Darlington 2, attendance 3,573

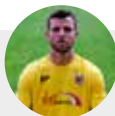
Quakers caused a big shock at the Britannia Stadium, even though they played all nearly all of the game with ten men after Craig James was dismissed for a foul on 12 minutes.

It looked even worse when Vincent Pericard put Stoke into the lead on 29 minutes, but Carlos Logan equalised with a low shot just on half time, and nine minutes after the break, new signing Julian Joachim got the winner. Quakers' reward was a trip to Reading in the next round.

Team: Stockdale, Close, Collins, Holloway, James, Ngoma, Duke, Cummins, Johnson (Giallanza 73), Logan (Rowson 59), Joachim (Wainwright 85).

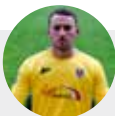
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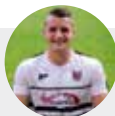
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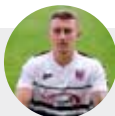
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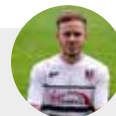
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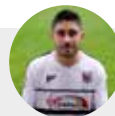
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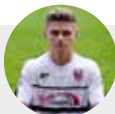
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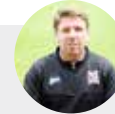
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Reserves

Vinny Steele made an instant impact for the reserves, just two days after he signed for the club.

Vinny turned 16 just two days before the reserves home game against Harton and Westoe in the Wearside League last Saturday, and he scored twice in the 3-0 win.

He coolly opened the scoring when he beat the offside trap and slotted the ball into the bottom corner, and he scored his second soon after half time. He ran through again and was brought down by the visiting keeper, and a penalty awarded. The keeper saved his spot kick, but Vinny was the first to react to the loose ball and he knocked it in.

Another youngster, Michael Charlton, scored the third near the end from a Callum Webster cross.

Joint reserve team manager Paul Aldsworth said; "Considering it was Vinny's first start for us, he did very well, and so did Michael. "

The reserves moved up to third with that win, which made up for a disappointing defeat at Sunderland West End a few days before, when they were outmuscled by a more physical home side.

Paul said; "In the next few weeks, packs will form in the league – those at the top, those in the middle, and those who are going to struggle. We intend to be in the pack at the top."

The reserves' next game is a long midweek away trip to another title challenger, Cleator Moor Celtic, this Wednesday.





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QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

Good afternoon everyone and I hope you are all having a good bank holiday weekend. I'm hoping we had a good result against North Ferriby and I'm sure we are all looking forward to an exciting tussle against Spennymoor today. Come on Darlo!

Young Darlo fans

It's always lovely to see our younger fans at the game as they are the fans of the future. Hopefully, as they grow up they'll take on the mantle of supporting our club through thick and thin as we do. I've asked our two youngsters' parents if it was ok to put their pictures and names in the programme and they agreed so here we go with Olly and Isabella.

I've met Olly many times now as he often pops into Quaker Retail in the Dolphin Centre. Olly is a season ticket holder and goes to the games with his dad and they usually watch the match from the open end. Olly has already bought a home shirt but also recently ordered a yellow Goalkeeper Jersey. I called his mam when it had been delivered and Olly was there within the hour to pick it up and here he is wearing it. He looks really cool doesn't he?



My other little Darlo fan is Isabella Hill. Here she is in the picture with her dad William and doesn't she look cute? This was Isabella's first

Darlington match, it was a shame we didn't win but I'm sure her dad will be bringing her back to more matches in the future. We look forward to seeing you Isabella.

Junior Shirts

Whilst we are talking about our younger fans we have this season's home and away shirts priced at £30. The goalkeeper shirts, like Olly's, are available

in yellow, tangerine or green and are priced at £33. If you are looking for a bargain why not buy one of last season's home shirts at £15 (only MB left now) or the lovely purple away shirt also priced at £15 available in MB, LB or XLB.

Rainy Days

If you are looking for a lightweight rain jacket for those days when it's a bit showery but not too cold then we have the answer. Our Elite Premier Rain Jacket is available in black or red with a concealed hood and is priced at £35 for adults or £29 for Juniors.

Sporty Fans

If you are one of our sporty fans then you might like our Fusion track jackets and Fusion track pants. Our team wear the black jacket although it is available in both black and red and costs £29. The matching track pants cost £30.

Our shop at Blackwell

If you haven't managed to find us at Blackwell meadows yet we are in the main bar at the bottom near the fire doors. Here's a picture of us ready for business looking cool and collected until the rush starts about 2.15 then we look a bit more hot and bothered!! We love seeing you so please come and visit us on match day or at the Dolphin centre during the week. Thanks to all of our online buyers too. I look forward to receiving your orders from far and wide.

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



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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.

DFCSG *notes*

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to everyone connected with Spennymoor Town for this afternoon's Vanarama National League North match. >> **BY WAYNE RAPER**

We would like to welcome Joe Peacock Snr, Peter Jasper, Stacey Fletcher and Andrew Alton who have stepped forward to provide additional support to the DFCSG Board. They bring with them a variety of skills that will be of real benefit to us.

Already Peter Jasper has been working with Rob Duncan to set up an eBay account for DFCSG. The reason for this is that from time to time fans contact us with offers of items of football memorabilia that they would like to donate in order to raise funds for Darlington FC. Some of the items have been perfect for auctioning at dinners etc or have made excellent raffle prizes. Whereas other items, particularly those not relevant to Darlington FC, require a wider platform in order to realise their true value - hence a move to eBay. So if you have any football memorabilia that you would like to donate to us that you think would be attractive to Darlo and non-Darlo fans please contact Rob Duncan at the 'Fans Table' in the bar or email him at rob.duncan@darlingtonfc.org. All funds raised will be donated to the Development Fund.

As you may be aware when you enter Blackwell Meadows we still have buckets for fans to donate loose change. Any money donated is being put into the Development Fund. The total collected in the first two home matches is £501. Over the season this will add up to a sizeable sum - so please keep contributing.



We have a new community partner in Sainsbury's Darlington. In addition to donating a bottle of prosecco to be presented to our Man of the Match, at various home matches throughout the season some of Sainsbury's staff members will be volunteering to help on match days.

Adopted Charity

The DFCSG and FC board have pulled together a shortlist of charities which align with the main objective of choosing a small local charity where we can make a difference through our large community member base and sporting activities.

Supporting a charity means much more than simply donating money and we've drawn up a list of ways in which we can supporting the chosen charity - these will be tailored depending on which charity is chosen.

- Raising awareness of the charity amongst our community.
- Providing volunteers for specific projects/ events from our member base
- Delivering a positive impact on the charity through football
- Holding bucket collections at a couple of games to raise money from our fans
- Donation of vital supplies whether that be food, clothes etc. to be either consumed or sold

DFCSG is currently conducting a poll of its members on which charity we should support for the 17/18 season from the shortlist below. The poll will close at 5pm on Thursday 31st August.

Daisy Chain

<https://www.daisychainproject.co.uk/>

A local charity in the Tees Valley which helps families with autism. The charity caters for a lot of younger children who would get positive benefit from their families being invited along to the football. A lot of their regular events are based around getting the kids and adults out during regular physical activity. Daisy Chain have a superstore on Portrack Lane which provides them with income by turning over donated items which we could help raise awareness of and also send donated goods from members. They are always looking for volunteers to help out at the shop.

700 Club

<https://www.700club.org.uk>

The 700 Club work with vulnerable people & families to provide temporary accommodation. Projects include 'Healthy Lifestyle' which is related to sport and 'Bond Scheme' that helps people get into permanent residence. It's a Darlington based charity and works with Darlington Building Society / Council.

St Teresa's Hospice

<http://www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk>

St T's is a local charity which provides palliative and end of life care to patients. The Club supported St T's back in 2013 with a percentage of proceeds of the pink away shirt which carried the St T's logo donated back to the hospice.

We would receive:

- an adoption certificate to display
- copies of their newsletters, in which we can feature our fundraising
- information on their events, campaigns and appeals

We will have a real opportunity to make a difference to the lives of local people.



DFCSG Membership Cards

DFCSG membership cards for the new season are now available for collection from the 'Fans Table' today. They will also be available from Quaker Retail. Your card may not be available if you only renewed in the past week.

Wayne Raper

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Football in the Community



Our Matchday Experience has attracted a lot of interest in the last two home matches!

Ten youngsters had a great day last Saturday against Telford United, especially when they had a kick around on the pitch and took penalties!

If you want to be part of our MatchDay Experience, drop Deano Browne a line on fitc@darlingtonfc.org. Our afternoon includes:

- One hour's football coaching, no matter what your ability, by qualified football coaches
- Free meal and drinks
- Free match ticket
- A great chance to meet the players and have photos taken in the dressing room before the match
- A supervised kickabout on the pitch before the match
- The chance to sit in Martin Gray's seat in the dugout
- And loads more!

The price is only £30 -- for details, contact Football in the Community officer Deano Browne on 07742 781077 or e mail FITC@darlingtonfc.org

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Phil Turnbull was voted the man of the match in the AFC Telford United game, and here he is being presented with his Prosecco (kindly supplied by Sainsbury's) by a group from Watson's, the match sponsor.

First Team Physio department is a brand new venture that launches at the end of this month, based at Eastbourne Sports Complex.

It is open to the general public, HM Forces, Emergency Services and Darlington FC Season ticket holders and Club members, (25% discount for season ticket holders and members).

Our department will be headed up by our first team physio Jimmy Nesbitt, who has vast experience and expertise in sporting injuries, rehabilitation and injury prevention. Jimmy is one of 1200 trigger point specialists within the United Kingdom, a precise area of deep tissue massage and pain mapping, he has practiced within a variety of sporting disciplines, from treatment of injured military personnel to working with sports teams at a degree of varying levels.

The First Team physio department will be under the Darlington FC banner, and we offer a variety of different techniques including; Trigger point therapy, postural assessment, maintenance massage, and ultra sound treatment to name a few.

Please feel free to contact us on one of the above means to arrange an appointment.

We look forward to seeing you in the near future, have a great season.



Jim Nesbitt

First Team Physiotherapist

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Darlington FC Physiotherapy

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Aaron 2. Peterborough 3. Courtney Love 4. Ainsley Harriott 5. A welder 6. Choux 7. The Alamo 8. German 9. All joined the EC/EU 10. Holme House 11. Isobars

SECOND HALF - SPORT 12. Mike Bassett!oh alright then, or Kevin Keegan 13. Denmark (Euro 92) 14. The ball burst in both games 15. Wakefield 16. Izaak Walton 17. Chepstow 18. Wrestling 19. France 20. Boxing 21. Two from Brighton and Hove Albion/Northampton Town/Fleetwood Town 22. Alistair Cook



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Season's Stats

VANARAMA LEAGUE

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	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
as at August 22nd	1 Brackley	5	5	0	0	13	2	15	+11
	2 Harrogate Town	5	4	1	0	17	7	13	+10
	3 Southport	5	4	1	0	11	4	13	+7
	4 Spennymoor Town	5	4	0	1	10	4	12	+6
	5 Salford City	5	4	0	1	8	3	12	+5
	6 York City	5	3	1	1	11	4	10	+7
	7 Darlington	5	3	1	1	10	5	10	+5
	8 Tamworth	5	3	0	2	10	8	9	+2
	9 Stockport County	5	2	1	2	9	7	7	+2
	10 Curzon Ashton	5	2	1	2	7	8	7	-1
	11 Blyth Spartans	5	2	0	3	8	9	6	-1
	12 Boston United	5	2	0	3	6	10	6	-4
	13 Kidderminster	5	2	0	3	4	6	6	-2
	14 Alfreton Town	5	2	0	3	5	8	6	-3
	15 AFC Telford United	5	2	0	3	3	6	6	-3
	16 Bradford PA	5	2	0	3	5	10	6	-5
	17 Chorley	5	1	1	3	3	8	4	-5
	18 Leamington	5	1	0	4	5	9	3	-4
	19 Gainsborough Trinity	5	1	0	4	11	15	3	-4
	20 Nuneaton Town	5	1	0	4	4	10	3	-6
	21 North Ferriby	5	1	0	4	1	12	3	-11
	22 FC United	5	0	1	4	7	13	1	-6

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	5	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	5	0	0	0	1	0	46	0	2	1	19	0
Gary Brown	4	0	0	0	0	0	156	3	11	0	16	2
Kevin Burgess	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	2	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	27	5	1	33	2
James Caton	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Dominic Collins	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	5	0	0	0	3	0	21	1	0	0	4	0
Terry Galbraith	5	0	0	0	1	0	171	14	14	1	53	2
Josh Gillies	5	0	0	0	3	0	35	8	2	0	13	0
Chris Hunter	5	0	0	0	0	0	136	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	3	0	0	0
Tom Portas	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	14	7	0	9	0
Jordan Richards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey Saunders	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	2	0
Leon Scott	0	5	0	0	0	0	155	34	14	1	20	0
David Syers	5	0	0	0	2	0	24	9	1	1	11	0
Stephen Thompson	1	2	0	0	0	0	195	11	14	3	67	6
Phil Turnbull	5	0	0	0	0	0	85	1	2	1	1	0
Arran Wearmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
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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																			
Mon Aug 28th	Spennymoor Town	H																			
Sat Sept 2nd	Southport	A																			
Tues Sept 5th	Chorley	A																			
Sat Sept 9th	Leamington	H																			
Wed Sept 13th	FC United of Manchester	H																			
Sat Sept 16th	FA Cup 2Q																				
Sat Sept 23rd	Boston United	A																			
Sat Sept 30th	FA Cup 3Q																				
Sat Oct 7th	Stockport County	H																			
Sat Oct 14th	Nuneaton Town (also FA Cup 4Q)	A																			
Sat Oct 21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H																			
Sat Oct 28th	Blyth Spartans	A																			
Sat Nov 4th	Brackley Town (also FA Cup 1R)	H																			
Sat Nov 11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A																			
Sat Nov 18th	Tamworth	H																			
Sat Nov 25th	FA Trophy 3q																				
Sat Dec 2nd	Curzon Ashton	A																			
Sat Dec 9th	Salford City	H																			
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Sat Mar 10th	Curzon Ashton	H																			
Sat Mar 17th	North Ferriby(also FA Trophy semi final first leg)	H																			
Sat Mar 24th	AFC Telford United (also FA Trophy semi final second leg)	A																			
Sat Mar 31st	Southport	H																			
Mon Apr 2nd	Spennymoor Town	A																			
Sat Apr 7th	Boston United	H																			
Sat Apr 14th	FC United of Manchester	A																			
Sat Apr 21st	Nuneaton Town	H																			
Sat Apr 28th	Stockport County	A																			
Wed May 2nd	play off qualifying round																				
Sun May 6th	play off semi final																				
Sat May 12th	play off final																				

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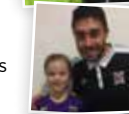
MASCOTS

We have three mascots this afternoon.

Hayden Cameron is 8 years old, and goes to Firthmoor Primary School. His favourite player is Mark Beck.



Jasmine Tatham is 10 years old and attends Beckermat school in Whitehaven. Her favourite player is Josh Gillies.



Sophie Paton is 9 years old and goes to Reid Street Primary School. Her favourite player is James Caton.



CONGRATULATIONS

We'd also like to congratulate **Peter Haygarth** and **Steve Hume**, who are both celebrating their 50th birthdays, and **David and Judy Neil** who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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 Southport on Saturday 2 September, departing at 11am and Chorley on Tuesday 5 September, departing at 4.25pm.

The fare to Southport is £20 and £20 also to Chorley, 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>



■ Yellow Card
■ Red Card

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

Last match

V Telford united
lost 0-1



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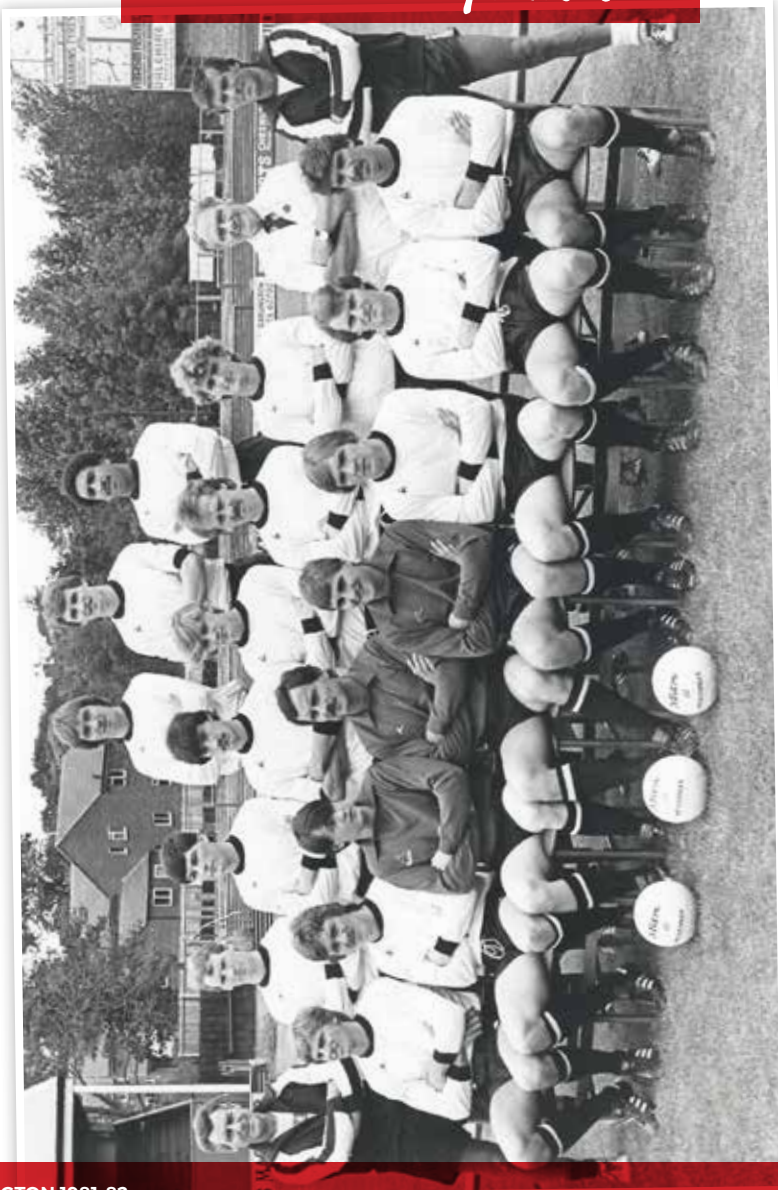
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Drop John Tempest a line on john.tempest@darlingtonfc.org

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DARLINGTON 1981-82

BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: HARRY CHARLTON, DAVE HAWKER, ALAN KAMARA
 MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: BILLY ELLIOTT (MANAGER), DAVE SPEEDIE, ROGER WICKS,
 KEVIN GLENDINNING, BARRY STELL, DAVE MCLEAN, IAN HAMILTON, BOB FARRELLY (PHYSIO),
 GEORGE HERD (COACH)
 FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: ALAN WALSH, KENNY MITCHELL, KEVIN BARRY, PAT CUFF, FRED
 BARBER, PETER SKIPPER, JOHN STALKER, DONALD BALL



>TODAY'S TEAMS

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> Match officials:

Referee: Paul Brown
Assistant referees: Michael Andrews and Andrew Kitchen

> Today's other games:

Alfreton v Curzon Ashton,
Blyth Spartans v Harrogate Town, Boston United v Nuneaton, Brackley v Kidderminster, Bradford PA v Chorley, Gainsborough Trinity v North Ferriby, Leamington v AFC Telford United, Salford v Southport, Tamworth v Stockport County, York City v FC United of Manchester

> Next home matches:

Saturday 9th September
Leamington, kick off 3pm
Wednesday 13th September
FC United, kick off 7.45pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 2nd September
Southport, kick off 3pm
Tuesday 5th September
Chorley, kick off 7.45pm

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> Mascots

Hayden Cameron, Jasmine Tatham and Sophie Paton



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