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from the dugout

>> WITH TOMMY WRIGHT

Good afternoon and welcome back to Blackwell Meadows for today's Vanarama National League North fixture versus one of my former clubs, Tamworth.

I have good memories from my time at the club and have a great relationship and respect for the management duo Andy Morrell and Mike Fowler.

The squad contains some of my former players, as well as a former Quaker and FA Trophy winner Aman Verma. It will be great to see some familiar faces but I will be hoping they don't enjoy their visit!

Last time out on home soil we failed to live up to expectations not only from you as supporters but even more so from ourselves. I will be reminding the players of that this afternoon. We let ourselves down with the manner of the defeat albeit to a very good side in Brackley but we know we must correct that if we are to reach our goals.

Last weekend was a big improvement away at Kidderminster. There were positives but again still room for improvement. I was particularly pleased with the character the lads showed with the fightback. A big mention must go to the travelling fans who I thought were fantastic and deserved something to go home cheering about.

We have freshened up the squad with the arrivals of Josh Heaton, Luke Trotman and Greg Mills. I would love you to give them a great reception today, you have always made me feel ten feet tall, and they were sold because of you the supporters, so don't let me down!

I would like to thank you for all your questions in the week with the netcafe, I enjoyed answering your questions and I can assure you I will always be as open and honest as I possibly can be.

I'm sure you will all be looking forward to next Friday's FA Trophy game against our local rivals Harrogate Town. I've always loved games under the lights and I'm hoping you turn out in your numbers to kick start the 'march to the arch'.

Make some noise again today please and get behind the lads.

Tommy

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Building the future together

>> BY DAVID JOHNSTON

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game.

There has been plenty of transfer activity recently, with players coming and going.

Adam Bartlett and Mark Beck have both moved on to pastures new and we wish them all the best at their new clubs except for when they're playing us, of course. We have also received compensation from York City and Harrogate Town respectively for their services.

When Tommy and Alan took over, the directors told them that we would back them financially in the transfer market as far as the budget will allow and at the time of writing, we are pleased to welcome talented trio Josh Heaton, Luke Trotman and Greg Mills to the club.

Tommy and Alan are still assessing the squad and I'm sure they've learned quite a bit about the players, but it takes time to improve the squad as there are so many people and factors involved. Naturally, a new manager wants to freshen his squad to give everyone concerned a lift and if the comments I've seen and heard this week are anything to go by, then he appears to have succeeded in lifting the fans.

It's very important financially that as many fans as possible come through the turnstiles to watch us play at home. The club's budget was calculated last summer based on increased admission prices and an average gate of around 1,800. At the moment, unfortunately, we are around 250 below that figure on average, plus our last two home gates have been below 1,300. The running costs for the club – such as wages, training facilities and transport -- are all fixed for the season, so if our revenue isn't on target, then the chances of the club being run at a profit and clearing our debts on schedule by the end of the season, are greatly reduced.

It's vitally important that fans rally around the club and encourage others to come along as we enter a promising new era under Tommy, if last Saturday's fightback at Kidderminster is anything to go by.

Tommy showed that he is prepared to change formation and tactics if necessary, and the players showed how strong their character is by coming back from 3-1 down to gain a draw. If the game had gone on much longer, then I suspect that they would have scored a winner. Everyone was buzzing afterwards in the changing room and hopefully it is performances like that, coupled with victories, that encourage fans to keep coming back. It really is important that everyone buys into the principles that we are using to run the club.

At the time of writing these notes, I intend to attend the DFCSG's Annual General Meeting on Thursday night and I am looking forward to working with the newly-elected board members as we plan for a successful and sustainable future.

Finally, I would like to welcome the officials and players from Tamworth, and hope that they have a safe journey home.

David

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

Tamworth are the visitors to Blackwell Meadows today, and Simon Hahn has been doing some research on them.

Welcome back Aman!

We'd like to welcome back midfielder Aman Verma, who played a big part in our run to the FA trophy final at Wembley in 2011.

Aman joined us in November 2010 on loan from Leicester City, and made 34 appearances for us over the rest of that season, and played in every game in that Trophy run, making a big contribution with his goals.

He scored seven times for us, three of them in the Trophy – in the 3-2 home win over Tamworth in the first round, (in front of a crowd of 432!), 4-1 home win over Bath City in the second round, and the 3-0 away win at Telford United in the third round. Only Liam Hatch scored more goals than him in the Trophy run.

Aman came on as a first half sub at Wembley, replacing the injured Gary Smith. After the Wembley celebrations, he returned to his parent club Leicester City.

Since then, he has played for Kettering, Floriana, Stockport, Corby, Kidderminster and Torquay, before joining Tamworth in the summer.

KEY MOMENTS IN THEIR HISTORY

- Set up in 1933 after demise of Tamworth Castle FC
- Reached FA Cup first round twice in 60s, on the second occasion beating Football League club Torquay United to reach the second round, where they lost to Gillingham. They'd lost to Gillingham in the first round three years earlier.
- In 1984 a consortium of local businessmen (which included the current chairman) took over the club and helped them regain their place in the Southern League.
- Won FA Vase in 1989 after a 3-0 win in a replay over Sudbury Town after original game at Wembley was watched by 26,487 people
- Lost in FA Trophy final in 2003 to Burscough 3-0 at Villa Park with 12,000 fans behind them.
- Reached FA Cup third round in 05/06, 06/07(under Mark Cooper) and in 11/12 when they lost to Everton at Goodison Park
- They were relegated from the Conference Premier in season 2013-14

Tamworth

TAMWORTH 2017/18 STATS

- Have yet to draw at home from their nine games, five wins and four defeats
- Won one of the last eight matches in all competitions
- Reece Styche is their top scorer with ten goals, joint third in the league
- Gone on to win five of the six games they have been leading at half time
- Only been involved in four league matches out of 17 which have had less than three goals

LAST SIX GAMES

11/11/2017 Salford City (H) Lost 2-1

31/10/2017 Chorley (A) Drew 1-1

28/10/2017 York City (A) Won 3-2

21/10/2017 Alfreton Town (H) Drew 2-2

07/10/2017 Gainsborough Trinity (H) Lost 2-1

24/09/2017 FC United of Manchester (A) Lost 3-1

LAST SIX SEASONS

2016/17 National League North – Points 69 Position 9th

2015/16 National League North - Points 63 Position 7th

2014/15 National League North – Points 69 Position 7th

2013/14 National League Premier – Points 39 Position 23rd

2012/13 National League Premier – Points 55 Position 19th

2011/12 National League Premier – Points 48 Position 18th

LAST MATCH – TAMWORTH 1 SALFORD CITY 2

Despite taking the lead, The Lambs fell to defeat at home to the league leaders Salford City. Tamworth had the better of the early exchanges and Darryl Knights hit the top of the crossbar with a long range strike inside the opening five minutes. Despite the visitors coming back into the game, Tamworth took the lead after 26 minutes through former Quaker Aman Verma, Ben Fox crossed and Verma headed home from close range.

However, the lead last only four minutes, as Mark Shelton struck a long range free kick straight through the wall and into the net to bring the Ammies level. The goal gave Salford encouragement and they had further chances before the break, including a Liam Hogan header that was cleared off the line.

The second half began in end-to-end fashion, but neither was able to create a significant chance. It was Salford who took the lead for the first time on 72 minutes through Mike Phenix with a near post header from a corner.

Tamworth had a huge chance in the final few minutes to earn a point, but Brad Mason was unable to find the target with a free header from just yards out.

Team: Rowley, Burns, Morley, Deeney, Jones (c.), Lane, Coulson, Verma (Taylor 65), Styche (Reid 73), Fox, Knights (Powell 74)

Subs: Upton, Shaw

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

MANAGER – ANDY MORRELL

Andy was appointed first team boss on 23 September 2014 after enjoying a successful association with Wrexham where he almost, but not quite, helped The Dragons gain promotion to the Football League in three successive seasons, although they did lift the FA Trophy at Wembley in 2012-13.

Previous to his four season spell in the player-manager role at The Racecourse Ground that ended early in 2014, Andy played at Coventry City, Blackpool and Bury having previously been with the Welsh club a first time between 1998 and 2003 as a player. He also played in the Northern League earlier in his career at Newcastle Blue Star

TOP SCORER – REECE STYCHE

Local lad Reece joined up with Andy Morrell for a second time at The Lamb in January 2017. He made an instant impact in his first spell in 2014-15, scoring on his debut away at Bradford Park Avenue having joined the club just 48 hours previously on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers and returned for a second spell on loan in January of the same season scoring twice on his return .

He lists local sides Hednesford and Chasetown amongst his handful of previous clubs and made over 100 appearances for Forest Green Rovers before joining League Two side Wycombe Wanderers, Gateshead and then spent time on loan at Nuneaton Town. He has scored ten league goals this season, to make him the joint third top scorer in the league.

Tamworth

CAPTAIN – LUKE JONES

Luke started his career at Blackburn Rovers at Youth and Reserve level and spent a short spell at Cercle Brugge in the Belgian First Division.

After being released by Rovers he spent consecutive seasons at Shrewsbury Town, Kidderminster Harriers, Mansfield, Forest Green Rovers, back at Harriers, back at Mansfield and then Stevenage before re-joining The Stags for a third time from where he became a Lamb in September 2016, signing a contract through to 2018 in December.

TAMWORTH – LAST SEASON

After just missing out on the play-offs the in the 2014/15 and 2015/16 seasons, Tamworth were again in and around the playoffs for the majority of last season.

They started the season off impressively winning six of their ten games including scoring five times on three occasions. At their highest they briefly sat second in the league table.

After a setback of three games without a win including a 6-0 defeat at Kidderminster they went on a fantastic run. From the middle of October, they won five games on the spin including wins against four of their other play-off contenders one of which was ourselves. The run moved them up into the top five, but after Christmas, much like ourselves, they struggled.

Between Boxing Day and the end of February they lost six of their ten games including a 6-2 defeat at home to Halifax.

Despite winning their last three matches of the campaign they would again miss out on the playoffs. They finished in ninth five points off the last playoff place.

SQUAD:

Manager: Andy Morrell

Assistant manager: Mike Fowler

Goalkeepers: Dan Jezeph, Shaun Rowley

Defenders: Jack Lane, Matthias Curley, Stephan Morley, Luke Jones, Louis Ezewele, Sam Coulson

Midfielders: Aman Verma, Ellis Deeney, Jed Davies, Regan Upton, Connor Taylor

Forwards: Reece Styche, Bradley Reid, Darryl Knights, Callum Powell, Dexter Walters

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Last time we met

> 8TH APRIL 2017

Darlington 3 Tamworth 2

Darlington:

Bartlett, Hunter, Ferguson, Turnbull, Galbraith, Brown, Thompson (sub Saunders 90), Syers, Beck, Cartman (sub Scott 90), Gillies (sub Wearmouth 75)

Subs not used: Wilczinski, Marrs

Tamworth

Jezeph, Burns, Morley, Deeney, Jones, Lane, Taylor (sub Powell 46), Ben Fox, Newton, Styche (sub Brandon Fox 46), Dyer

Subs: Green, Clarke, Davies

Booking: Styche, Deeney

Attendance 1694

Quakers scored the goal of the season in the 3-2 home win over Tamworth at Blackwell Meadows.

We took the lead after 5 minutes, when Terry Galbraith rose high at the near post to head a long throw from Gary Brown past Tamworth keeper Dan Jezeph for his 10th goal of the season.

But Tamworth equalised with their first real chance on 13 minutes when Dan Newton picked up a long ball from Jezeph, held off Brown, and beat Adam Bartlett with a low left foot shot.

Quakers were denied by Jezeph on three occasions as they tried to regain the lead, but they went back in front on 40 minutes. Chris Hunter's deep cross from the right was cleared only as far as Stephen Thompson, who controlled the ball well on his chest, and then neatly volleyed across the keeper into the top corner from six yards out.

At the start of the second half it was nearly 3-1 when David Syers burst into the box and set up Beck, whose left shot was well saved by Jezeph.

And in Quakers next attack from the left, Gillies played a 1-2 with Syers, and Jezeph was in the right place on the line to hold on to the ball.

Quakers deservedly went 3-1 up on 53 minutes with the best goal of the season. Syers cleverly backheeled the ball into the path of David Ferguson who ran into the box and found Nathan Cartman, who played a 1-2 with Mark Beck before knocking the ball home.

Tamworth pulled a goal back on 66 minutes when a low corner came in from the right, and Ross Dyer, on the corner of the six yard box, flicked the ball past Bartlett.

Tamworth nearly equalised when Brandon Fox turned on the corner of the box and curled a right foot shot towards the top corner, and Bartlett just managed to fingertip the ball over the top.

Quakers nearly made it 4-2 on 73 minutes, with Thompson very unlucky not to score. He picked the ball up inside his own half, ran at the Tamworth defence to the edge of the box where he had a shot charged down – Quakers appealed for handball in vain – but he kept possession, lobbed the keeper, and the ball struck the crossbar.

Welcome to our new signings

Manager Tommy Wright has been busy in the transfer market in the last ten days, and has brought in three new signings.

Centre half **Josh Heaton**, 21, has signed from Evostik First Division North club Ramsbottom, and made his debut for us in the centre of defence at Kidderminster last Saturday.

He spent several years working his way through the age groups at Preston North End and signed a professional contract, but he was released by Preston boss Simon Grayson in the summer of 2016. He went on to play for Droylsden, Stalybridge and Bamber Bridge – when a proposed move to us broke down because he was injured – before moving on to Ramsbottom.

Left winger **Greg Mills**, 27, has an impressive scoring record for a player in that position, having scored 29 goals in 74 appearances in National League North for Corby, Tamworth and Nuneaton.

He started his career at Derby County and made two first team appearances for them, before moving on to Telford United, Worcester, Boston and Barrow, before he joined forces with current Darlo manager Tommy Wright at Corby. He helped Corby win promotion from the Southern League, and scored 53 goals in 110 appearances.

He joined Tamworth at the start of the 2016-17, and then joined his old boss at Nuneaton in January this year.

Right back **Luke Trotman**, 20, has also come from Nuneaton. He started his career at Luton Town and was on the brink of first team football when he unfortunately broke his leg.

When he had recovered, he moved to St Neot's Town and then on to Loughborough, where Tommy Wright, then manager of Nuneaton, spotted him in action and signed him for the National League North club last summer.

He put in some promising performances for Nuneaton, and played against us in the 2-1 game at Nuneaton last month.

We would like to welcome all three new signings to Darlington, and wish them a long and happy stay with us.

Tamworth NAMES + GAMES

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS looks at Tamworth's leading lights

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN – 2002-03

Tamworth won the Southern League title and were FA Trophy finalists in 2002-03. Having just missed out on promotion on the final day of the previous season, Darren Gee's team made an inconsistent start to the campaign but a run of 38 points from a possible 42 took them into a strong position by Christmas. Skipper Mark Cooper was top scorer as they won the championship by a 13 point margin. In the FA Trophy they beat Accrington Stanley 4-1, Nuneaton Borough 3-0, Stevenage Borough 3-0, Margate 2-0, Farnborough Town 2-1 and Havant & Waterlooville 2-1 before losing 2-1 to Burscough in the final at Villa Park.

MARK COOPER

Player-boss Mark Cooper guided Tamworth to the FA Cup third round in 2005-06. Initially with Bristol City, he followed his father Terry to Exeter in October 1989, then Birmingham. He had spells at Fulham, Huddersfield and Wycombe, joining his father at Exeter in February 1994, then played for Hartlepool, Macclesfield, Leyton Orient, Rushden & Diamonds, Hednesford and Forest Green. Moving to Tamworth in May 2002, he starred as they were Southern League champions and FA Trophy finalists in 2002-03, since managing Kettering, Peterborough, Darlington, Telford, Swindon, Notts County and Forest Green Rovers.

STEVE FOX

Skilful winger Steve Fox had two spells with hometown Tamworth. He played for the Lambs as a 15 year old and turned professional with Birmingham City in February 1976, appearing in the top-flight before moving to Wrexham for £95,000 in December 1978. Voted their 'Player of the Year' in 1980-81, he featured in two Welsh Cup finals and successive Cup runs. He joined Port Vale in October 1982 and starred in their 1982-83 promotion triumph. Reuniting with John McGrath at Chester in July 1984, he later played for Rhyl, Llangollen and Tamworth again. He became a gardener in Tamworth and died in December 2012.

COLIN GREEN

Former Welsh international left-back Colin Green was capped 15 times before joining Tamworth for two seasons. Signing professional for Everton in February 1959, he marked Stanley Matthews on his First Division debut against Blackpool in September 1960 and moved to Birmingham City in December 1962. He helped win the League Cup that season and reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1967-68. Following a loan spell at Wrexham, he joined Tamworth in May 1971 and was an experienced figure as they won the West Midlands League and Cup 'double' in 1971-72. Later with Rhyl, he was a sales rep in his native Wrexham.

IAN MOORES

Former England U-23 striker Ian Moores scored in Tamworth's 1989 FA Vase final triumph. Signing professional for Stoke City in June 1972, he was joint leading marksman in 1975-76 and moved to Tottenham Hotspur for £90,000 in August 1976. He helped them regain top-flight status in 1977-78, joining Orient with Ralph Coates for £55,000 in September 1978. Moving to Bolton Wanderers in July 1982, he joined Apoel in June 1983 and was an experienced figure as they won the Cypriot League and Cup. He later played for Tamworth and Swedish side Landskrona Bols but tragically died in January 1998.

BOB TAYLOR

Experienced striker Bob Taylor was Tamworth's leading marksman in 2004-05. Initially with Horden Colliery, he joined Leeds United in January 1986 and was swapped for Bristol City's Carl Shutt in March 1989. He was top scorer in their 1989-90 promotion success, moving to West Brom in January 1992 and starring in the 1992-93 Second Division play-off final triumph. Joining Bolton Wanderers in January 1998, he returned to West Brom and helped them win promotion in 2001-02. He moved via Cheltenham Town to Tamworth in August 2004, scoring 19 goals in 60 Conference games, since working in the building trade.

Captain's *notes*

>> WITH PHIL TURNBULL

Good afternoon everybody.

The point we gained from our fightback at Kidderminster last week gave everyone a much-needed lift, and we believe now that our season has started again. A few of the lads said in the dressing room after the game that it was just like the good old days of two years ago when we kept driving forward and winning matches, so hopefully we can keep on doing that and win more matches, starting today against Tamworth.

It was a massive point for us at Kidderminster. The manager said when he came in that he thought that he was adopting a team that had great character, and I think we let him down against Brackley.

But we showed him on Saturday what we're all about, and what we've been like for years. We fought hard and got back into the game from 3-1 down, and if that game had gone on for another five or ten minutes, then I think we would have scored another goal and won all three points.

We couldn't believe that we'd gone 2-0 down, because we'd played well up to that point and didn't deserve to be two goals behind. We looked sharp and played some good football.

It was a really positive performance against a full time team, which afterwards felt like a win -- unlike when we drew 1-1 at North Ferriby earlier in the season and it felt like a defeat. Football is like that!

Our season has started again, and we believe now that we can drive on from here and get into the play off positions. The result was great for everyone's morale, especially for the travelling fans who were behind us all the way through the game. Your support was really appreciated.

Tommy has told us that he wants us to play more football, but he's also told us that if it suits us, to go more direct, and that's what we did in our late fightback. Every time we did that we created chances.

The manager has brought some good new lads in, who will increase competition for places and hopefully make us even better. Please give the new lads a warm welcome to the club on their home debuts, and cheer them on to three points.

Enjoy the game!

Phil

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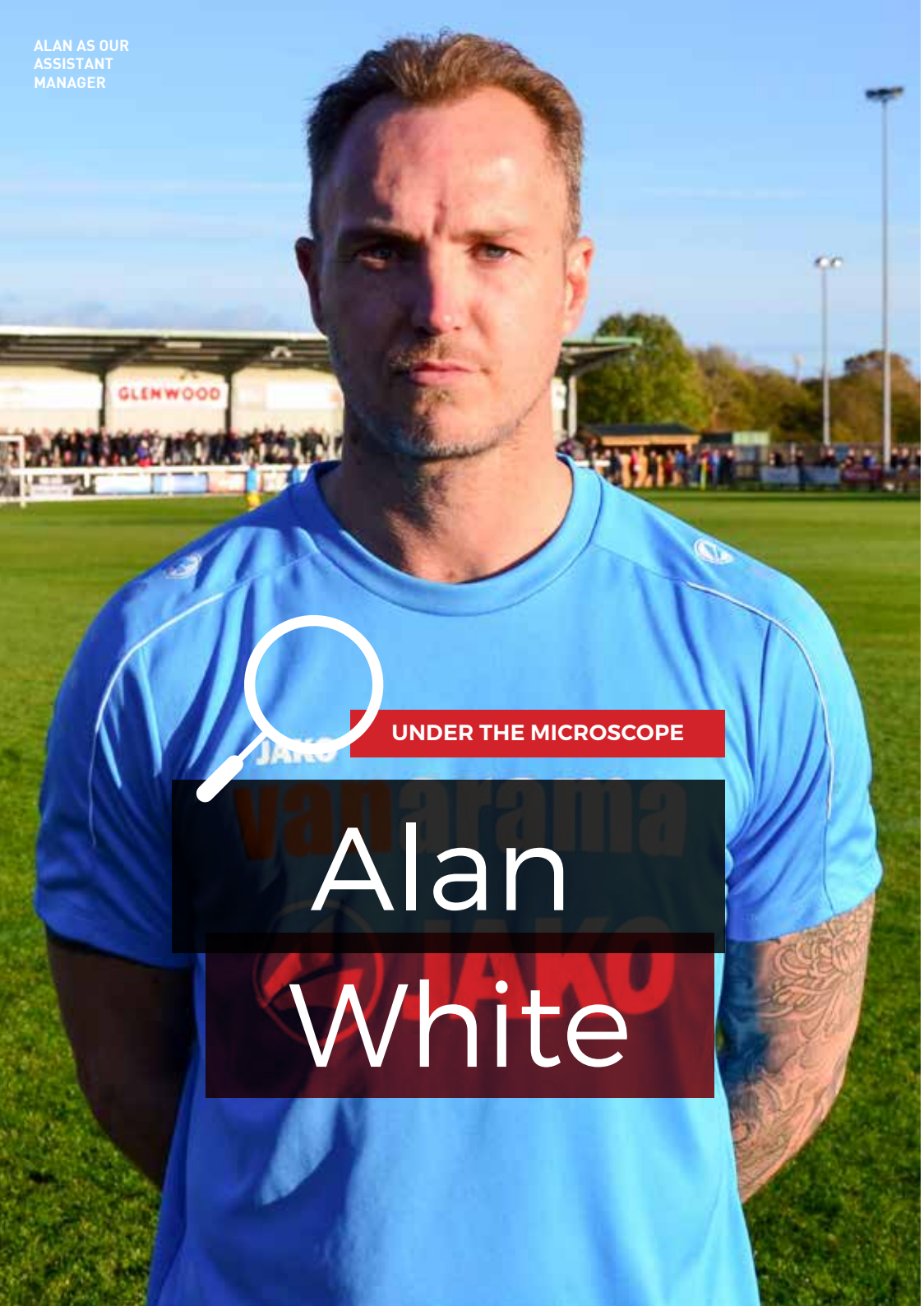

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Alan White

Assistant manager Alan White is starting his fourth spell at Darlington – he spoke to Ray Simpson

Alan's roots with the club run very deep – he first started coming along to matches with his brother, dad and granddad in the mid-80s, and was a mascot with his brother at a home game in 1985 against Wigan Athletic. He went on to play in three separate spells for his hometown club, and now he's returned as Tommy Wright's number two.

"My brother, Stephen, and I were delighted to be mascots. He led the teams on to the field and I was behind him, but he turned the wrong way, quickly realised what he'd done, so changed his mind! Trouble was, he clattered into me, and we both fell to the ground! I've still got a video of it somewhere.

"My favourite player from that time was Alan Roberts, and my brother's favourite player was David Currie. I also liked Garry MacDonald and Paul Ward. I've even got one of Freddie Barber's gloves somewhere, it'll be a bit crusty now though.

"We all used to watch the game from the steps in the old East Stand, or from the Polam Lane End. They were great times, thoroughly enjoyable. I used to go to the Quaker Sports centre on a Saturday morning for coaching as well.

"When my own football career really got under way with Middlesbrough, obviously I didn't get to games much, but I still watched how the results were going. I couldn't get to the play off finals in 1996 and 2000, but instead I watched them from my mate's house in Middleton Tyas. I was really disappointed that we lost both those games, just like all the other Darlo fans. I still don't know how we lost against Peterborough in 2000.

"I could have been playing for Darlo in season 1999-2000. Hodgy contacted me about joining the club and we agreed a deal, but then George Reynolds got in touch and wanted to me to take half of what I'd been offered, and the deal fell through."

That was in the early part of the 1999-2000 season, and instead Alan remained at his then club Luton Town, before moving on to Colchester, Leyton Orient, Boston and Notts County.

He popped up on the Darlington radar again in 2007, and this time Dave Penney successfully landed him.

"Darlo and Peterborough were both in for me at the time. I spoke to Dave Penney, and I liked what he said and what he was offering. I knew that Peterborough were interested, and I asked Dave for a couple of days to think about the deal and wait to see what Peterborough were going to offer. But they never got in touch in time, so I signed for Darlington.

"Dave brought in a good set of lads – for instance Tim Ryan, Ricky Ravenhill, Julian Joachim, Pawel Abbott, Tommy – and built a really good team. There was a great team spirit involving so many different personalities. We all got on like a house on fire, and that's how Tommy and I struck up a friendship.

"We were all fiercely competitive. There was a fight in training at least once a week, but then it was all forgotten about ten minutes later when we were sat down for our dinners – but Tommy and I never had a fight. We all stuck up for each other on the field though, we made sure of that."

Quakers missed out on promotion because of injuries in 2008, and then early in 2009 when Quakers were in the promotion positions, came the damaging second administration.

"Most of us left because we weren't getting paid. Dave Penney left near the end of the season for Oldham, so did Martin Gray and most of the players. I went back to Luton Town, where Mick Harford was manager and played a few games there, but then Richard Money was appointed. He called me and a couple of the other older lads into his office one day, and told us that we weren't required.

"I then had a phone call from Kevin Richardson, who asked if I fancied coming back to Darlington again. He was assistant manager to Steve Staunton. I knew that I would be playing regularly, even though the club was having a difficult time because of the administration, and they'd already had one manager that season in Colin Todd. Plus, they were my home town team, and I wanted to help.

"It was a difficult time, and I thought that Steve Staunton's style of management >>

ALAN AFTER SCORING AT COLWYN BAY IN THE 2015-16 SEASON

ALAN WITH HIS BROTHER, DAD AND GRANDDAD AT A DARLO GAME IN THE 1980S

>> didn't suit that level of football. He was used to players much higher up the ladder at Liverpool, Aston Villa and the Republic of Ireland – we didn't do setpieces for example, because he said that they hadn't done them where he'd played because the players knew where to go instinctively. It's not like that at League Two level, players need to be told.

"There were one or two good performances, particularly at Rotherham one night, but there was a general air of resignation and despondency around the club - -a defeatist attitude if you like."

Quakers were relegated from the Football League and beyond in the next two years, Alan went to Gateshead, Blyth and Harrogate Town and returned again for spell number three at the start of the 2014-15 season, Quakers' second in the EvoStik First Division North.

"I've had a great career, I reckon that I've played over 750 games since my first debut for Luton, and had eight years in the First Division, and until that season, I'd never won a promotion medal of any sort.

"So to beat Spennymoor and then Bamber Bridge in the play offs that season was fantastic, and I felt a bit emotional when I got my medal."

Many would argue that the EvoStik Premier season in 2015-16 was the best in Quakers' recent history, capped by that unforgettable night when the title was lifted in sensational style by 7-1 at Whitby.

"What a fantastic night that was. Martin, Brian, Sean and I spoke before the game, and we discussed about changing things after 20 minutes if they weren't going according to plan. We talked mainly about the shape of the side.

"After 15 minutes we were 3-0 up! Martin turned around to me and joked; "What do we do now?" Then the fourth and the fifth went in. It was a night when we could sit back and enjoy the game, which is a very rare feeling in a game that had so much riding on it. I think Thommo had a rocket pack on his back that night, he was everywhere. I was fortunate enough to get on for the last ten minutes."

"I left in the summer because there were no coaching roles available for me, so Spennymoor came in for me. I won another medal last season in the EvoStik League Premier.

"Martin then left Darlington, and Tommy got the job. He then got in touch with me and asked me if I fancied being his assistant – so I went to a meeting with him, John Tempest and David Johnston.

"They talked about their plans for the club and how they wanted to achieve the club's ambitions. Obviously I knew plenty about the club, that people are very committed to it and that there are lots of hard working volunteers. It didn't long for me to say yes!

"Tommy and I want to give the club some new direction with our enthusiasm and energy, and want the players to play with freedom and express themselves, but we can only do that with a solid foundation.

"We'll be working very hard on our strengths and weaknesses in the next few weeks."

HARVEY SAUNDERS CHALLENGES FOR THE BALL

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Quakers came from 3-1 down to grab a deserved point at Aggborough in a pulsating game.

KEY MOMENTS:

9 – Stephen Thompson forced Kidderminster keeper Brandon Hall into a good save

15 – 1-0 Andre Brown gave Kiddie the lead from a low cross

23 – Gary Brown had an effort cleared off the line

31 – Gary had another effort blocked

37 – 2-0 James McQuilkin scored the second with a low shot

44 – 2-1 Kiddie defender Joel Taylor turned a left wing cross from man of the match Harvey Saunders into his own net

49 – 3-1 Early second half pressure paid off for Kiddie with a goal by Elton Ngwatala

70 – a PA system appeal was made for a suitably qualified referee to run the line because of an injury to the referee

80 – 3-2 Quakers started the fightback when Dom Collins hooked the ball into the middle from the right for Terry Galbraith to head in

85 – Kiddie had defender Tyrone Williams sent off following an off the ball incident when he wouldn't give the ball to Harvey Saunders

89 – 3-3 David Syers steamed in and headed the equaliser from Josh Gillies' corner

Darlington: Wilczynski, Collins, Brown, Heaton, Galbraith, Portas (sub Gillies 61), Turnbull, Wheatley, Thompson (sub Caton 61), Cartman (sub Syers 79), Saunders

Subs: Marrs, Scott
Bookings: Brown, Heaton, Wheatley, Saunders, Turnbull

Kidderminster: Hall, Pearson, Taylor (sub Williams 46), Croasdale, Horsfall, O'Connor, Weeks, McQuilkin, Ironside, Ngwatala (sub Austin 76), A Brown

Subs: Wright, Sonupe, Truslove,
Bookings: Pearson, McQuilkin Sending off: Williams

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

Chris Sykes

A relentless Salford moved seven points clear at the top of the table after coming from behind to win 2-1 at today's visitors to Blackwell Meadows, Tamworth. Since the opening day of the season, the Ammies have lost only one of 17 league games.

Second-placed Harrogate Town do have a game in hand, but lost further ground with a 3-1 defeat at Spennymoor. It's just one win in four for Harrogate in the league.

Five straight wins have seen Brackley Town recover from a spell of a patchy form. The Saints are a point above Harrogate in second, after beating Southport 4-0 in midweek.

That win over Harrogate confirmed Spennymoor's status as promotion contenders. Moors have six wins from their last eight games and are just a point behind Brackley.

Another point further back are Blyth Spartans, who've seven wins from their last 10 games. Spartans have alternated wins and defeats in their last five matches.

York City made it back-to-back wins by beating Alfreton 3-2 last weekend. Three goals in those two victories have taken Jon Parkin's tally for the season into double figures. Adam Bartlett saved a last minute penalty.

Another side who've recorded back-to-back wins are Bradford PA. They've moved into the play-off places after a win at North Ferriby last weekend.

They're above eighth-placed Chorley on goals scored. The Magpies have lost only one of their last six, although two draws in a row have seen them slip out of the top seven.

Stockport County are a point off the play-offs, although their form of late has been mixed. The Hatters have four wins, four defeats and two draws from 10 league games.

A point further back are today's opponents Tamworth, who've won just once in their last six games. That victory was at York City, their only away win in the league since August.

11th-placed Curzon Ashton have dropped out of the play-off places after taking just one point from their previous three league games.

Unbeaten in their last five league games, Kidderminster Harriers are three points behind the play-offs.

AFC Telford are below Darlington on goal difference, having lost five and won four of their last 10.

Defeat at Brackley on Tuesday meant that Southport remained 15th in the table. Kevin Davies' side haven't won any of their last ten matches.

Alfreton Town are four points above the relegation zone after losing to FC United in midweek.

Leamington's resurgence seems to have ground to a halt. After going unbeaten in seven in the league, the Midlanders have lost back-to-back games against Boston and Blyth Spartans.

A run of four games unbeaten had lifted Gainsborough Trinity out of the bottom three. Their mini-revival took a setback though, as they lost to Brackley last weekend to stay only two points above the relegation places.

FC United moved four points away from the bottom three after beating Alfreton 3-2 in midweek after being 2-0 down at half time, scoring twice in the last five minutes. They beat Telford previous to Tuesday night.

That result put Nuneaton, who could only draw at Chorley, into the bottom three. Tommy Wright's former side have taken only a point from their last four matches.

A win and a draw from their last two games have improved Boston's poor form. Prior to that, they'd taken only a point from seven matches.

And bottom club North Ferriby already look doomed. They are 10 points adrift of safety, having won just once in the league all season.

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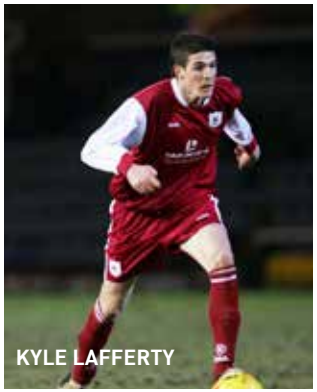
THE EX FACTOR

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


KYLE LAFFERTY

Kyle Lafferty has urged football to reassess its relationship with bookmakers as he faces up to an addiction he admits he may spend the rest of his life tackling.

Two months ago, the Hearts and Northern Ireland striker, who had a loan spell at Darlington from Burnley in 2006 during which he played nine games, publicly admitted gambling was a vice he had been wrestling with through his entire career.

The 30 year old was in Switzerland last weekend with Northern Ireland – where he had fed his gambling habit with punts on ice hockey during a season at Sion – in a better frame of mind even if he has been told that he faces a lengthy fight battling his demons.

"I was at a Gamblers Anonymous meeting last week with John Hartson and a guy picked up his 35 year old pin," Lafferty explained.

"He's gone to every single meeting, two a week. I spoke to him after and I said; "Why so long?" He said "You need to do it."

"There was another guy who said; "Whenever you think you are over it, there is a chance you could fall back in."

"You need as much help as you can and there are lots of people who are helping me, and then there will be others who want me to fail. I've finally got my mind in the right place, I'm going to do this for my family and myself."

The struggle will be greater given his chosen field's association with bookmakers.

When Joey Barton was given an 18 month ban, later reduced to 13 by the Football Association for multiple breaches of its betting regulations, the midfielder decried the sport's links with the gambling industry.

Lafferty, who was fined by the FA himself in 2016 for breaking betting rules, can see his point.

"Everywhere you look in Scotland, it's the William Hill Cup, the Ladbrokes Premier League and you are playing a game and Bet365 is going around the advertising boards.

"No matter what app you put up on your phone, there is something to do with betting, like live scores. You can't get away from it. Everywhere you look there is something to do with betting.

"I think people need to look at it because if you have a problem, it is difficult to get away from it, unless you are going to be brave and come out about it and get help, and it's difficult."

(From the Sunday Sun)

Shaun Reay, who had two spells with us, the second of which was in the Northern League title winning season, has joined Esh Winning from the Northern League Second Division

Michael Smith, now at Bury, scored the quickest goal in the FA Cup first round ties on Sunday 5th November, when he netted with a header at Woking in the first minute.

Phil Hadland resigned as manager of Colwyn Bay last week. Hadland, who was a winger in his playing days and appeared for us in season 2002-03 playing six games, took over as manager in January. The Welshmen were 12th in the EvoStik First Division North.

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST

Last week's match at Kidderminster Harriers saw one of those rare occasions which arises from time to time when a problem with the kit requires an unusual alternative.

The match officials ordered Darlington to pair their away shirt with the home shorts/socks as they believed Quakers' white shirt would clash with Kidderminster's red/white.

Such clashes occur from time to time, such as in the picture above from April 1995, when the referee asked Darlington to wear white shorts instead of black for a home game against a Lincoln City team who had brought with them a dark green strip.

At the beginning of the same season at Feethams Exeter City had to wear one of Quakers' old away kits as they had travelled with a blue/white striped away shirt.

Pictured is Quakers' Matty Appleby jumping for the ball with Lincoln's Colin Greenall, the game ended 0-0 in front of 1,664 spectators.

DAVID SYERS (RIGHT) HEADS A DRAMATIC EQUALISER AT KIDDERMINSTER LAST SATURDAY

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Quizmaster Steve Rees has put together another half time quiz.

STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which car manufacturer produced a model called the 'Elf'?
2. Who is the current presenter of Countdown? And who is his assistant with the letters & numbers?
3. Early 60's pop duo Tom and Jerry became world famous under which name?
4. If you ordered Sag Aloo in an Indian restaurant, with which two vegetables would you be served?
5. When ABBA won Eurovision in 1974, which female singer sang the UK entry Long Live Love, coming 4th?
6. In which English county is motor racing circuit Silverstone located?
7. Which modern-day country did the Romans call Cambria?
8. In the USA, what would somebody want if they asked for your John Hancock?
9. For the production of which fabric is the town of Macclesfield renowned?
10. What is the American equivalent of the English phrase candy floss?
11. What is the capital city of Croatia?

SECOND HALF – SPORT

12. Who succeeded Sven Goran Eriksson as England's national football coach?
13. On 30th July, 1966 whose opposite number was Helmut Schön?
14. In his entire career Pelé only ever played for which two clubs?
15. Which Football League club play their home games at the New York Stadium?
16. In the football world, what came into being after the great winter freeze of 1963?
17. Which country does tennis player Gustavo Kuerton represent?
18. How did motor racing driver Graham Hill die?
19. Which athletics world record was set by Javier Sotomayor in 1993 and still stands to this day?
20. In which card game can a player score "one for his nob" simply by turning over a jack?
21. Which sport is played by the LA Lakers?
22. Name the two countries beginning with the letter 'N' which competed in the 2015 Rugby Union World Cup.

HOW DID YOU DO?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 49

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?

by Simon Weatherill

Memory Match

In this week's Memory Match, Simon Weatherill looks back at the night when Quakers almost shocked First Division Derby County in the quarter finals of the Football League Cup on 29th November 1967.

Darlington's best ever showing in the Football League Cup was 50 years ago, in the 1967/68 season. The Quakers were back in the familiar surroundings of Division 4 after promotion in 65/66 was followed by immediate relegation in 66/67. The league campaign had not started too promisingly. Two wins from the first 13 games (both away from home) meant that the Quakers were already struggling at the wrong end of the table and it was the 23rd October before they finally won a game at Feethams, at the seventh attempt.

The team saved their best performances for the League Cup competition -- they obviously preferred playing under floodlights! Quakers beat York City 1-0 at home, Southend United away 2-1, Portsmouth at home 4-1 and Millwall at home by 2-0.

Millwall must have been particularly impressed by Conlon's performance against them as they returned two weeks later to sign him up. Amazingly the victory put the Quakers into the quarter finals of the competition, but the draw was unkind to them, giving them an away tie at Brian Clough's Derby County. The game would take place on Wednesday 29th November 1967.

By the time the Derby game came around, the Quakers' league form hadn't improved to any great degree. They sat in 18th place in the Division 4 table with 15 points from 18 games. Derby sat in 10th place in Division 2, and boasted one of the most potent strike forces in the country. John O'Hare and Kevin Hector had already scored 25 goals between them in 22 league and cup games. County's goalkeeper was veteran Reg Matthews, who probably had a few sleepless nights about facing the Quakers in a cup tie again. He had been the Chelsea keeper in the 1958 FA Cup tie when he'd conceded 7 goals in their two games! Darlington had to wait on a late fitness test on right half Ian Davidson before naming their team. Davidson had pulled a muscle against Rochdale on the previous Saturday, and was classed as doubtful, but passed the test and took his place in an unchanged team.

A crowd of 23,361 turned out at the Baseball Ground to see a pulsating cup-tie, fought out on an absolute glue pot of a pitch. The first half was end to end, played at breathtaking pace. Darlington were first to go close, in the 12th minute. Don Ratcliffe received a pass from Les O'Neill and hit a tremendous first time drive, which Matthews only just managed to turn round the post. At the other end Tony Moor had to be alert, saving well from Alan Durban and John O'Hare. Phil Waller also went close for the home side and there were some anxious moments from several corners, which the Quakers defence managed to scramble clear. The visitors were giving as good as they got though and Brian Albeson went close twice, first with a fierce drive which was blocked, then with a fine header from a corner which Matthews did well to save at the foot of the post. Just when it seemed that the first half would finish goalless, the Quakers grabbed the lead in the 45th minute. Les O'Neill beautifully jinking past two defenders and slotting a low drive just inside the post. Half time: Derby County 0 Darlington 1.

The Quakers had to make a change at half time. Davidson's muscle injury got the better of him and he failed to appear for the second half. Substitute Joe Jacques taking his place. Darlington took time to reorganise and within 10 minutes of the second half starting, Derby had rattled in three goals, although there was an element of good fortune about two of them. In the 52nd minute Durban hit a shot, which Moor seemed to have covered, but the ball took a huge deflection off Brian Keeble and found its way into the net. A minute later, County were in front, with Durban scoring again from close range after Moor could only parry a shot by O'Hare. Then, in the 55th minute they increased their lead to 3-1, but there was an element of controversy about it. Moor appeared to be fouled in a goalmouth scramble but nothing was given and Gordon Hughes slammed home Derby's third. Darlington kept plugging away and reduced the arrears on the hour when Bobby Cummings fired home the loose ball after Matthews had fumbled a left wing cross. The game continued to be end to end in the clawing mud, but the home side seemed to make the game safe with two goals in three minutes. In the 71st minute Ritchie Barker found space in the penalty area and sent Moor the wrong way to make in 4-2. Three minutes later it was five, when an under pressure Les O'Neill tried a back pass but struck it too firmly and it evaded Keeble's desperate lunge to roll into the net. Darlington never gave up though and continued to push forward. Ratcliffe jinked through in the 82nd minute and fired under the diving Matthews to make it 5-3, and then in the 87th minute Joe Jacques headed in off the post to make the final score 5-4.

The Quakers had run out of time and had ultimately been beaten by the three goal burst just after half time, but they certainly hadn't disgraced themselves in an enthralling cup tie. "There wasn't a single weakness," said manager Jimmy Greenhalgh after the game. "This was a better performance than our victories over Portsmouth and Millwall. I was proud of the lads, they played like heroes".

Derby produced a 16 page programme for the game, priced at 9d. It included two pages entitled "Introducing Our Visitors" with a brief outline of the season so far, plus pen pictures of the Darlington players. The team line-ups were on the centre pages.

Team v Derby : 1 Tony Moor 2 John Peverell 3 Brian Keeble 4 Ian Davidson 5 Trevor Atkinson 6 Brian Albeson 7 Don Ratcliffe 8 Jimmy O'Neill 9 Bobby Cummings 10 Alan Sproates 11 Les O'Neill Sub Joe Jacques (replaced Davidson, half time)

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Darlington Youth

Darlington Feethams Under 8s

Back row: Assistant manager Dave Park Vayro (left), Manager Martin Williamson

Front row left to right: Oscar Thornber, Jack Cameron, Mason Theaker, Harry Ward, Alva Williamson, Kai Martin, Joe Webster and Reilly Singh

Here are Darlington Feethams Under 8s, who have won most of their matches so far in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance.

All of the club's youth teams are doing well this season throughout the various age groups, and there are some really good youngsters emerging.

The club has set up an Under 19 team that plays on Wednesdays in the National League Under 19 Alliance (Division J) and they have won their last two matches in that league, by 7-1 against Harrogate Town, and then they came back from 3-2 down to win 4-3 at Farsley Celtic. Vinny Steels scored in both of those games.

The lads are in the same league as Farsley Celtic, Halifax Town, FC United of Manchester, Gateshead, Guisley, Harrogate town, Maltby Main, Rochdale and South Shields. They're currently sixth in the table. Guiseley and South Shields are the stand out teams in the league, having won all five of their games this season, and have yet to concede a goal.

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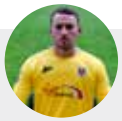

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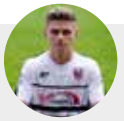

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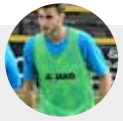

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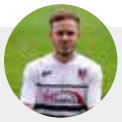

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DFCSG notes

>> BY NEIL RAPER

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Blackwell Meadows to our visitors from Staffordshire, Tamworth FC. Having being narrowly beaten 2-1 by league leaders Salford City last weekend, "The Lambs" will be determined to make amends – signifying another tough game for the Quakers.

We would like to announce that we are targeting the Salford home game as a crowdfunding match. We are asking supporters as they pass through the turnstiles to donate money that will go directly towards the Raise the Roof fund.

Over the last five years we have raised an incredible amount of money and our community share pitches have been a very effective and popular way of raising funds with people often investing thousands of pounds. For this match though we are aiming to get as many supporters contributing to help us reach our £50,000 target before the deadline of December 31st. By getting matchday fans to donate as they pass through the turnstiles we hope to reach a lot more supporters and a little bit contributed by many will be a massive boost to our fundraising. Whether its £1, £10, £20 or more any funds are very gratefully received and will go directly towards Raise the Roof.

At the time of writing we are near the £30,000 mark after just 5 weeks of fundraising and with the target set at £50,000 your contributions will make a real difference. We'll be announcing more ideas around this game as we get closer to the match and your support of this initiative will be very gratefully received.

We welcome as our guests today a team of volunteers from Northumbrian Water Ltd:

Dean Blackbourn, Shaun Tones, Glen Donald, Alan Stobart, Chris Westwood and Mark Graham. Thanks to their efforts we now have the benefits of our programme kiosk. The lads toiled away on a very, very wet day at the end of September to pave what was the grassed area outside the home turnstiles on which the kiosk now stands.

This came about after Dean Blackbourn, a Darlo fan working for Northumbrian Water, answered DFCSG's appeal for help. Dean came forward with a fantastic offer of a team of volunteers from Northumbrian Water that included a time served paver. Northumbrian Water's employee

volunteering scheme 'Just an hour' encourages their employees to give a minimum of 15 hours every year to support community and charitable causes close to their hearts.

Since the launch of Just an hour in 2002, Northumbrian Water employees have given over 100,000 hours in support of the communities we serve, something Northumbrian Water are very proud of. Last year 52% of Northumbrian Water employees participated in 'Just an hour' taking using their wealth of knowledge, skills and expertise to benefit their local communities. Their employees often find opportunities that 'Just an hour' allow them to learn new skills and can increase their confidence. Northumbrian Water

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DFCSG *notes* CONTINUED

are always looking for new projects to support, so if you know of a project within their service area that could benefit from 'Just an hour', you can visit their website where you will be asked to complete a short application form.

DFCSG AGM – Thursday 16th November

The AGM reported on the year ending 30 June 2017 and whilst this has been a very challenging one for DFCSG, it has been a successful one in many respects.

'Back to Darlo' The most notable challenge and success has been the Community Share offer that raised £100,000 to support the re-development at Blackwell Meadows, resulting in the return of Darlington Football Club to their home town. In addition, DFSCG promoted the 'Buy the Dug-Outs and Goals' initiatives that raised a further £10,000. Also DFCSG used reserves to purchase £30,000 of equity in Darlington Football Club. These additional investments were necessary to meet unforeseen additional costs in the re-development of Blackwell Meadows. Of course, DFCSG were only the facilitators in the fundraising. The real heroes were the wonderful and generous fans of Darlington Football Club, who provided the vital funds.

Infrastructure Improvements In April, DFCSG launched a second Community Share offer. This time it was to raise funds to improve the infrastructure at Blackwell Meadows. The first phase was successful in raising £43,000 to re-lay the pitch (this was match-funded by the Football Stadium Improvement Fund). The second phase to raise £150,000 to extend the seated stand is on-going.

Transport to matches DFCSG has continued to organise convenient transport for our fans to away matches. Not only is this a comfortable and cost effective way for fans to travel to away matches it also generates a surplus which increases the amount DFCSG can re-invest in the club. Last season, the surplus was £3,800.

General Fund Raising The DFCSG are directly involved in a number of fundraising activities which have provided vital funds to support the operations of the Football Club. The match-day 50:50 draw promoted by DFCSG raised £8,000 last season. In addition, DFCSG operates the 'Fans Lottery' and membership has grown from 423 to 625 during the year and generated almost £17,000 for the Football Club.

The DFCSG also manages the bucket collections at home matches. These initially supported the move to Blackwell Meadows but the proceeds now go to the 'Ground Development Fund' to support future infrastructure projects. Over the year £4,982 was collected.

Community Engagement Whilst the Football Club was based in Bishop Auckland, DFCSG's community engagement was generally limited to holding collections on an annual basis for the Kings' Church Food Bank.

Having the Football Club based in the town should increase the potential for community engagement.

Governance of Darlington Football Club. DFCSG's purchase of £30,000 of equity combined with the acquisition of £57,000 of equity via the Share Exchange Scheme linked to the Community Share Offer has increased DFCSG's voting rights in Darlington Football Club to over 80%, which represents a controlling interest and provides the ability for the DFCSG board to make any changes in the constitution or running of the football club as determined democratically by the DFCSG membership. DFCSG's membership also grew significantly and stood at 1082 on 30th June, up from 677 in 2016.

For DFCSG's controlling interest in Darlington Football Club to mean anything, DFCSG needs to establish an engagement framework with DFC that will allow DFCSG an appropriate level of involvement in 3 key areas: Strategy & Planning, Operations and Finance. The DFCSG board has developed a draft engagement framework. However, as a consequence of the concentrated efforts to engineer the move to Blackwell Meadows, as well as changes in personnel at board level within the Football Club, there has been no opportunity to establish an engagement framework between Darlington Football Club and DFCSG.

Thursday's AGM saw a new DFCSG board elected (details of the new are available at www.dfcsg.co.uk) and going forward, it is hoped that the new board will be able to give some focus to establishing an engagement framework as well as expanding the level of community engagement.

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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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Hi everyone, I hope we are in for an exciting game this afternoon against Tamworth. It would be great to build on last week's amazing comeback against Kidderminster. We experienced some highs and lows in that game but I'm hoping today it will be highs all the way. Come on Darlo!

Calendar 2018

The calendar for 2018, if everything has gone to plan, is available for you to buy today from our pop up shop in the bar. Priced at £10 it is a must for all Darlo fans. It contains photos of the team kindly supplied by Nick Burton and earlier in the season Theresa Clear. The proof was all ready last week but after some departures from the team I had to make a few changes! The calendar will be in the online shop too and makes a great Christmas present. Thanks must go again to Caroline Hastie who has sponsored our calendar. Many thanks Caroline, there will be a calendar on its way to you up in Scotland very soon.

Christmas

Just a reminder about our opening times at Quaker Retail over the Christmas period in case you missed it in the last programme. We will be opening at the Dolphin Centre at the following times:

Thursday evening 23rd November 4.30pm – 7.00pm to coincide with Christmas Lights switch on.

Sunday 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December, 17th December 11.00am – 2pm in the Dolphin Centre.

Home matches before Christmas at our shop in the main bar.

24th November FA Trophy v Harrogate Town

9th December v Salford City

Online

If you are shopping online please order early to avoid disappointment preferably before the 9th December to allow Avec time to process the order. Our last posting date to ensure 1st Class Christmas arrival will be Tuesday 19th December.

Home and Away Shirts

I know some of you like to know how many shirts we have sold. We have reached 900 shirts sold up to 12th November. Thank you to everyone who has bought a shirt so far this season and it would be great to reach that magic 1,000 before Christmas. Our shirts are priced at £35. Wear your black and white at home and support Tommy, Alan and the lads.

Stocking Fillers

Sometimes it's the little things that you need to add to a bigger present so I thought I'd mention a few of our smaller items today which make great stocking fillers.

Keyrings

We have our very popular leather keyring priced at £3.50 which comes in a smart little black box and we also have a £1.50 bottle opener keyring which has the Darlo crest on the front.

Pennants

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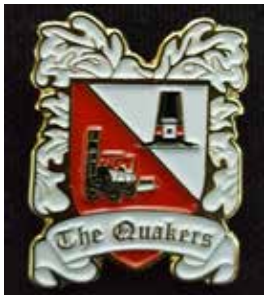
Badges



Our pin badges are priced at £2.50 and are great for wearing on casual wear or on a jacket. They show the club badge and are highlighted in gold. We also stock a small lapel badge priced at only 50p – great for the kids to buy.

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

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On This Day

In this series, we look back at Darlington matches on the corresponding day in our history

November 11th 1922

Third Division North

Darlington 4 Wrexham 1, attendance 4107

We were adjusting to life quite nicely in the newly formed Third Division North. We finished second in its inaugural season, and were again pushing for the title in season 1922-23.

We were unbeaten at home so far in the season, having drawn with Ashington, and beaten Accrington Stanley, Barrow and Walsall.

We'd played Wrexham in the reverse fixture the week before, drawing 0-0 at the Racecourse Ground, and we found the home game a little easier, winning 4-1 with goals from Bill Hooper, George Stevens, Ernie Young and Peter Bell scoring the goals.

Team: Greig, Greaves, Boocock, Dickson, Sutcliffe, Cook, Bell, Hooper, Young, Stevens, Winship

November 18th 1950

Third Division North

Darlington 3 Accrington Stanley 0, attendance 5,582

This was our fifth post war season, but we'd only finished in the top half of the Third Division North once in that time.

We lost our first two home games of the season against Rochdale and Mansfield, but went unbeaten in our next six, which was a good job really as we'd only won once away in the season up to that point.

Accrington Stanley were below us in the table at that point, and we comfortably beat them 3-0, with goals from Ron Steel (2) and John Ward.

The good home form didn't last though, because a week later we were thumped 7-2 at home by Rotherham United in the first round of the FA Cup.

Team: Dunn, Davison, Eves, Ward, Kelly, Roddam, Powell, Yates, Steel, Murray, Galley

November 18th 1989

FA Cup first round

Darlington 6 Northwich Victoria 2, attendance 3,334

We were in the Conference in this season, and were going well at the top of the table, although we had only picked up one point from our last two away games, against Macclesfield and Farnborough.

We'd already played in the FA cup once, beating Runcorn 4-2, and Northwich Victoria were reckoned to be one of our main rivals for the title, and so were expected to give us a tough game.

However, we discovered our best form, thumping them 6-2, with David Cork, Les McJannet, David Corner (2) and Andy Toman and Dale Anderson scoring the goals.

We kept the Cup run going – we beat Halifax in the next round before losing to Cambridge in a third round replay.

Team: Prudhoe, McJannet, Gray, Willis, Smith, Corner, Hine (sub Anderson), Toman, Borthwick, Cork, Emson.

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

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SECOND HALF -SPORT 12. Steve McLaren 13. Alf Ramsey 14. Santos & New York Cosmos 15. Rotherham Utd 16. The Pools Panel 17. Brazil 18. In a plane crash 19. High jump 20. Cribbage 21. Basketball 22. New Zealand & Namibia

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1	**Salford City**	**18**	**14**	**2**	**2**	**31**	**14**	**44**	**+17**
2	Harrogate Town	17	11	4	2	43	20	37	+23
3	Brackley	18	11	5	2	35	13	38	+22
4	Spennymoor Town	18	10	4	4	35	23	34	+12
5	Blyth Spartans	18	11	0	7	43	33	33	+10
6	York City	18	8	4	6	32	26	28	+6
7	Bradford PA	18	7	5	6	25	22	26	+3
8	Chorley	17	7	5	5	20	17	26	+3
9	Stockport County	18	7	4	7	35	26	25	+9
10	Tamworth	17	7	3	7	27	27	24	0
11	Curzon Ashton	19	6	6	7	25	31	24	-6
12	Kidderminster	16	6	5	5	26	25	23	+1
13	**Darlington**	**19**	**5**	**7**	**7**	**25**	**28**	**22**	**-3**
14	AFC Telford United	17	7	1	9	25	31	22	-4
15	Southport	18	5	6	7	24	36	21	-12
16	Alfreton Town	18	6	2	10	29	31	20	-2
17	FC United	18	6	2	10	28	36	20	-8
18	Leamington	18	5	4	9	22	31	19	-9
19	Gainsborough Trinity	17	5	3	9	24	33	18	-9
20	Nuneaton Town	18	4	4	10	24	34	16	-10
21	Boston United	18	4	4	10	23	33	16	-10
22	North Ferriby	17	1	4	12	9	40	7	-31

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2017-18

	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals	Career League	Career Lgue sub	Career Cups start	Career Cups sub	Career Lgue goals	Career Cup goals
Adam Bartlett	17	0	1	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0
Mark Bell	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	5	0	0	0
Mark Beck	12	0	1	0	1	0	53	0	3	1	19	0
Gary Brown	6	0	0	0	1	0	158	3	11	0	17	2
Kevin Burgess	3	3	1	0	0	0	72	5	3	0	15	0
Nathan Cartman	9	1	0	0	1	0	87	28	5	1	34	2
James Caton	10	5	1	0	1	0	10	5	1	0	1	0
Dominic Collins	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Dawson	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Scott Fenwick	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Ferguson	13	0	1	0	4	0	29	1	1	0	5	0
Terry Galbraith	18	0	1	0	3	0	185	14	15	1	54	2
Josh Gillies	17	1	1	0	5	0	46	9	3	0	15	0
Josh Heaton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	137	6	16	1	0	0
Liam Marrs	10	1	1	0	0	0	39	3	4	0	0	0
Tom Portas	9	3	0	0	0	0	87	17	7	0	9	0
Harvey Saunders	3	13	0	0	1	0	3	24	0	0	3	0
Leon Scott	6	7	0	0	0	0	161	36	14	1	20	0
David Syers	10	4	1	0	4	0	29	13	2	1	12	0
Stephen Thompson	13	3	0	0	0	0	207	12	14	3	68	6
Phil Turnbull	19	0	1	0	0	0	99	1	3	1	1	0
Jack Vaulks	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Joe Wheatley	4	5	1	0	1	0	4	5	1	0	1	0
Ed Wilczynski	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
own goals	0	0	0	0	2	0						

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017/18

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2017			VERSUS		R	S	ATT																
Sat	Aug	5th	Salford	A	3.00	2-0	1777	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	**Ferg'n 2**	Scott	Saund's	Marrs	Fen'ick	Wil'ski
Wed	Aug	9th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	7.45	4-3	1682	Bartlett	Hunter	**Galb'th**	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	**Gillies**	**Syers**	**Beck**	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Fen'ick	Wil'ski	Thomp'n
Sat	Aug	12th	Alfreton	H	3.00	4-1	1547	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	**Gillies2**	Syers	Beck	**Caton**	**Ferg'n**	Scott	Fen'ick	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Tues	Aug	15th	York City	A	7.45	0-0	3944	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Thomp'n	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat	Aug	19th	AFC Telford United	H	3.00	0-1	1532	Bartlett	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Fen'ick
Sat	Aug	26th	North Ferriby	A	3.00	1-1	479	Wil'ski	Hunter	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	**Gillies**	Portas	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Marrs	Wheat'y	Saund's	Fen'ick	Bell
Mon	Aug	28th	Spennymoor Town	H	7.45	1-1	2070	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	**Brown**	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Fen'ick	Portas	Caton	Wheat'y	Wil'ski
Sat	Sept	2nd	Southport	A	3.00	0-2	1059	Bartlett	Burgess	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Vaulks	Portas	Saund's	Scott	Wil'ski
Tues	Sept	5th	Chorley	A	7.45	1-4	1011	Bartlett	Marrs	Burgess	Turnbull	Collins	Thomp'n	Gillies	Portas	Beck	Scott	Ferg'n	Syers	**Saund's**	Caton	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat	Sept	9th	Leamington	H	3.00	0-0	1277	Bartlett	Portas	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Vaulks	Saund's	Thomp'n	Wil'ski
Wed	Sept	13th	FC United of Manchester	H	7.45	3-0	1178	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Burgess	Gillies	**Wheat'y**	Beck	**Cartm'n**	**Ferg'n**	Vaulks	Syers	Thomp'n	Wil'ski	Saund's
Sat	Sept	16th	South Shields, FA Cup 2Q	H	3.00	0-3	1814	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Burgess	Wheat'y	Gillies	Syers	Beck	Caton	Ferg'n	Thomp'n	Scott	Saund's	Wil'ski	Vaulks
Sat	Sept	23rd	Boston United	A	3.00	1-1	1051	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Dawson	**Thomp'n**	Cartman	Caton	Ferg'n	Scott	Saund's	Vaulks	Wil'ski	Gillies
Sat	Sept	30th	Curzon Ashton	A	3.00	0-1	292	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Wheat'y	Gillies	Dawson	Beck	Thomp'n	Ferg'n	Saund's	Portas	Cartman	Wil'ski	
Sat	Oct	7th	Stockport County	H	3.00	1-1	1758	Bartlett	Marrs	**Galb'th**	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Dawson	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Vaulks	Syers
Sat	Oct	14th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-2	764	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Burgess	Wheat'y	**Syers**	Wil'ski	Dawson
Sat	Oct	21st	Bradford Park Avenue	H	3.00	2-1	1312	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	**Gillies**	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Syers	Wheat'y	Saund's	Caton	Wil'ski	Burgess
Sat	Oct	28th	Blyth Spartans	A	3.00	1-3	1554	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	**Syers**	Burgess	Caton	Saund's	Wil'ski	Wheat'y
Sat	Nov	4th	Brackley Town	H	3.00	0-3	1267	Bartlett	Marrs	Galb'th	Turnbull	Collins	Scott	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Caton	Burgess	Saund's	Wheat'y	Wil'ski	Syers
Sat	Nov	11th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	3-3	1879	Wil'ski	Heaton	**Galb'th**	Turnbull	Collins	Brown	Wheat'y	Portas	Cartman	Thomp'n	Saund's	Gillies	Caton	**Syers**	Marrs	Scott
Sat	Nov	18th	Tamworth	H																			
Fri	Nov	24th	Harrogate Town FA Trophy 3q	H																			
Sat	Dec	9th	Salford City	H																			
Sat	Dec	16th	FA Trophy 1R																				
Sat	Dec	23rd	Gainsborough Trinity	A																			
Tues	Dec	26th	Harrogate Town	H																			
Mon	Jan	1st	Harrogate Town	A																			
Sat	Jan	6th	York City	H																			
Sat	Jan	13th	Alfreton (also FA Trophy 2r)	A																			
Sat	Jan	20th	Chorley	H																			
Sat	Jan	27th	Leamington	A																			
Sat	Feb	3rd	Blyth Spartans (also FA Trophy 3r)	H																			
Sat	Feb	10th	Bradford Park Avenue	A																			
Sat	Feb	17th	Brackley	A																			
Sat	Feb	24th	Kidderminster Harriers (also FA Trophy 4r)	H																			
Sat	Mar	3rd	Tamworth	A																			
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																				

SEASON'S STATS

Yellow Card
Red Card

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

Last match

V Kidderminster drew 3-3

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Terry Andrews butchers
Laundrette
Salisbury tc
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Turks Head
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Fry days
Paws and claws.
Three Squares Café
Coniscliffe News
Brian's Hairdressers
Sweeny's Barbers
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J&G Deli
Mulholland&Son Butchers
Craig Shields Fruit & Veg
The Diner
Robin Blair Fruit & Veg
Shanie's Barbers (under covered market)
Cockerton Village Shops
Alderson Butchers
Cockerton Fisheries
Co Op
Village Opticians
Travellers Rest
Cockerton Library
J Maddison Barbers
SLC Barbers
Pound Plus

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 Gainsborough Trinity on Saturday 23rd December, departing at 11am. Although there may be an intervening away trips on 6 December, depending on how we progress against Harrogate Town in the FA Trophy. The fare to Gainsborough is £20 but there will be a discount of £5 for anyone under 16 years of age accompanied by a responsible adult.

To book a seat ring Glen on 07376 368553.

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

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SEASON 1980-81 WAS A RELATIVE SUCCESS FOR DARLINGTON, THE TEAM FINISHING EIGHTH IN DIVISION FOUR, THEIR HIGHEST POSITION IN 12 SEASONS HAVING STRUGGLED CONTINUALLY THROUGHOUT THE '70S.
WHILE THE '80S WOULD END IN MISERY WITH RELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE DECADE BEGAN WITH THE TEAM PERFORMING REASONABLY WELL.
IT WAS BILLY ELLIOTT'S SECOND SEASON AS MANAGER, AND ON HIS WATCH JOHN STALKER WAS LEADING SCORER WITH 17 GOALS, WHILE PETER SKIPPER AND ALAN WALSH DID NOT MISS A SINGLE LEAGUE GAME. SIMILARLY, ALAN KAMARA AND STALKER MISSED ONLY ONE GAME EACH.

Virgin trains

>TODAY'S TEAMS

DARLINGTON

ED WILCZYNSKI	
LIAM MARRS	
CHRIS HUNTER	
DOMINIC COLLINS	
KEVIN BURGESS	
GARY BROWN	
TERRY GALBRAITH	
TOM PORTAS	
LEON SCOTT	
PHIL TURNBULL	
DAVID SYERS	
JAMES CATON	
NATHAN CARTMAN	
JOSH GILLIES	
STEPHEN THOMPSON	
HARVEY SAUNDERS	
JOE WHEATLEY	
JACK VAULKS	
JOSH HEATON	
GREG MILLS	
LUKE TROTMAN	
MATT BANCROFT	

TAMWORTH

DAN JEZEPH	
SHAUN ROWLEY	
JACK LANE	
MATTHIAS CURLEY	
STEPHEN MORLEY	
LUKE JONES	
LOUIS EZEWELE	
REGAN UPTON	
SAM COULSON	
ANDY BURNS	
JED DAVIES	
AMAN VERMA	
ELLIS DEENEY	
REECE STYCHE	
BRADLEY REID	
DARYLL KNIGHTS	
CALLUM POWELL	
DEXTER WALTERS	
CONNOR TAYLOR	

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> Match officials:

Referee: Dean Hulme

Assistant Referees: Mark Ryan and David Carr

> Next home matches:

Friday 24th November
FA Trophy third qualifying round
Harrogate Town, kick off 7.45pm

Saturday 9th December
Salford City, kick off 3pm

> Next away matches:

Saturday 16th December
Possible FA Trophy first round tie

Saturday 23rd December
Gainsborough Trinity, kick off 3pm

> Today's other games:

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

> Matchball sponsor

Peter and Margaret McCluskey who are celebrating 36th wedding anniversary

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